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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

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By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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Escaped Nazis Found Up A Tree

"IS the war finished yet?" was the first question an escaping German prisoner asked when he was recaptured. He was one of four who fled from a Scottish internment camp by scaling a barbed-wire fence. Within an hour 2,000 soldiers and police were searching for them. A gamekeeper found two of the Germans, George Sluzalez, aged 24, and Franz Kellers, aged 22, near a stream on a private estate. One of them was washing his teeth. "I told them to go back to the camp," he said to the "Daily Herald," "but they replied, 'No! No!'" "Then I took both of them by the shoulder and made them march."

Broke Away
Before they had gone 100 yards, the Germans broke away and escaped. The gamekeeper at once got in touch with the police. An inspector and sergeant were put on the trail by discovering two small pieces of red cloth sewn on the clothing of all internees. One of the first trees they reached was a tall yew. High up in the branches they spotted the two men, one crouching on a branch about 15ft. from the ground and the other on another branch five feet higher up.

Surrender
Both men appeared to be frightened. They scrambled to the ground and surrendered. One of them was wearing seafaring clothes, including a dark blue jacket, a blue jersey and a heavy flannel shirt, but the other was attired in ordinary civilian clothes. Some hours after their capture it was learned that their two comrades had asked for tea at a house five miles away. They were given it by a woman who afterwards telephoned to the police.

Missing Men

The men still at liberty are described as: Eberhard Rolf Fischer, aged 23, 5ft. 2in., brown hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, weight 10½st.; and Max Waderthul, aged 30, 5ft. 8in., fair hair, grey eyes, weight 11st. It was from the same internment camp that three German youths escaped recently. None of the three could speak English. They were quickly recaptured.

Rome, The Axis and The Future

By Diplomatic Correspondent
THERE is considerable speculation in some quarters on the direction Italian policy may take in the next few months. Officially there has been no evidence of any change in Italy's attitude of "non-belligerence" as defined by Count Ciano in his speech to the Fascist Grand Council. Although Count Ciano is reported to have lost much of his enthusiasm for the Axis since his meeting with Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden last August, it is believed that Signor Mussolini still adheres to it in principle.

Vatican Activity
Recent diplomatic events in Rome have given no clue to any further developments, though the meetings between the Pope and the King of Italy, and the continuous diplomatic activity of the Vatican in both Rome and Berlin undoubtedly are of political significance. It has been thought that these were connected with possible peace moves, but it is equally possible that they may signify an Italian attempt at reconciliation between the Vatican and Berlin to remove difficulties in the way of Axis co-operation.

Russo-German Problem
On the other hand, all shades of Catholic opinion have always been strongly anti-Bolshevik, and the Russo-German pact and the German treatment of Poland—a predominantly Catholic country—have intensified Catholic feeling against the Nazis. Which is a reason for believing that popular Italian sentiment may be increasingly anti-Nazi. There is no doubt that Hitler would like to see a strengthening of Axis ties. It remains to be seen whether in the present political manoeuvring, Mussolini will try to heal the breach between the Vatican and Berlin, or will allow it to become even wider. Here again, the true strength of the Russo-German tie-up will probably be the determining factor. There is no appreciable outward sign of any lessening of the Fascist "case" against the so-called Western plutocrats, as Count Ciano's latest speech showed.

Cut In Phone Books

Post Office telephone directories, which utilise about 12,000 tons of paper every year, will be issued at less frequent intervals during the war.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY HITLER LEARNS STRATEGY

Hitler is taking lessons in strategy, according to a French broadcast for Austrians.

"He decided to do so after his recent discussions with the German General Staff had revealed his complete ignorance of military science," the French announcer said.

Death For Undermining Morale
Gen. Keitel, Chief of the German General Staff, has issued a decree imposing the death penalty under military law for attempts to undermine the soldiers' morale, desertion and looting.

Son Sends Mother To Jail

A young Nazi arrested his mother for uttering derogatory remarks about Hitler. His action was described in an incident quoted in a broadcast to Austrians abroad over the French radio.

The wife of a German workman at Krefeld, Western Germany, returning home after a vain tour of the provision shops, expressed her opinion of the Fuehrer in somewhat strong language, accusing him of responsibility for the food shortage. Her son immediately left the flat and, returning with other S.S. men, picked his mother under arrest. The next day, the account added, she was sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

The incident was quoted by the broadcaster as symptomatic of the demoralising influence of Nazism on family life.

60,000 Czech Hostages

Sixty thousand Czech hostages are being held in Germany, according to Paris "Soleil." The artisans and workmen among them are living in conditions similar to imprisonment with hard labour. All of them have been told that they will be made to suffer for all acts of disaffection on the part of the people at home.

The food position in the former Czechoslovak territory is becoming increasingly desperate. Meat, sugar, coal and even bread are obtainable only in small quantities.

Steel Wedding Rings

Wedding rings are now being manufactured of steel, and the Press has been instructed to describe them as having a "fine and noble effect." Germany's 12,000 jewellers and goldsmiths may only sell gold and jewellery if the customer surrenders old gold of an equal weight.

Tricks Got Food

Germans who found the food ration doled out by the Nazis insufficient and satisfactory have recently had recourse to a simple ruse to obtain extra supplies. They "fell ill" and called in a doctor, who prescribed more and better food, allowed only on a medical certificate. The "Voelkischer Beobachter" now warns Germans that "discipline must be preserved even in the consulting room."

Restaurant keepers have adopted the trick of keeping their best bits of beef for old customers. An order has been issued forbidding the practice.

Beheadings Daily

Beheadings are now a daily occurrence. The latest is that of a German, Frank Blawak, 27, who was convicted in Berlin of stealing a woman's handbag.

Schleswig Danes Called Up

Large numbers of the Danish minority living on the German side of the Schleswig frontier are being called up for service with the German Army, states the North Schleswig newspaper "Danskereen." Among them is M. Frederik Petersen, one of the leaders of the Danish Minority party in South Jutland.

Cholera in Warsaw

According to a Danish traveller returning to Copenhagen from Germany it is admitted there that there were cases of cholera in Warsaw.

The Pope Receives Paris Nuncio

ROME.—The Pope recently received Mgr. Valeri, the Papal Nuncio in Paris. He came here to report to him and also for a holiday. The audience lasted an hour. The Pope also received Senator Besnard, a former French Ambassador to the Quirinal, who is now French Commissioner to the 1942 Italian World Fair.

Alleged U.S. Rebels Have Irish Names

NEW YORK.—Of the 18 members of an organization called "The Christian Front" arrested by Federal Bureau agents, seven are stated to have Irish names, reports Reuter. The men were arrested on charges of conspiracy to create a revolution in the United States, to overthrow the Government and establish a dictatorship.

The Christian Front is said to have planned a reign of terror. According to a Detroit dispatch, Father Coughlin, the "radio priest," declared that the Christian Front used his name without his authority. Meanwhile it is announced that Karl Schluter, one of the Nazi secret service agents who fled from the United States in October, 1938, at the time of the New York spy trial, is now in the hands of the American police. He was found working as a steward

New Car May Revolutionize Transport 60 m.p.g. ON GEARLESS CLUTCHLESS MOTOR

By A Special Correspondent

MR. LEONARD MURPHY, once Edison's chief technician in Britain, recently drove me in a car of his own design which has no clutch, no gearbox, and reduces petrol consumption by at least half, says a correspondent.

This car, which he is confident may revolutionise road transport, is driven by a combination of electric and internal combustion engines.

The car weighs twenty-seven hundredweight, it was originally a 1918 model. With three up, we drove at a steady thirty miles an hour, occasionally accelerating to forty-five miles an hour. Our petrol consumption was sixty miles to the gallon.

Mr. Murphy has removed the car's original 10 h.p. engine and replaced it with a 7 h.p. engine. He has added a 3½ h.p. dynamotor of his own design and a set of batteries.

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The car is started on the batteries. Once it is in motion, the petrol engine takes up the drive and maintains the speed. The electric motor, now operating as a dynamo, is replacing the energy used in starting.

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"I'm fifty-six," Mr. Murphy said, "and I've done a lot of engineering. I've designed this car not because I want to make a fortune, but simply in the belief that it's right."

"I call my latest baby 'dual-power' because the car drives from either or both of two sources of energy."

Secret Blackout Flags In Berlin

Thousands of tiny buttonhole flags bearing the words, "Better a King by God's will than a pig from Berchtesgaden," are being distributed secretly during Berlin's nightly black-out.

A Dutch visitor had four pinned on the lapel of his overcoat during an eight minutes' walk from the station to his hotel, but, says Reuter, he could not see who the people were, for they made off in a hurry.

THE FRAU PROFITEER

10 Years' Jail
"As Warning"

FRAU MARTHA KRAUSE, a Berlin shopkeeper, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary because she sold meat, butter and textiles to customers without ration cards.

She persuaded wholesale merchants, says B.U.P., to give her extra supplies which, according to the authorities, she sold at higher prices. "This is a serious warning to those who believe they can circumvent the ration-card system," says the Voelkischer Beobachter.

Gifts To The Crew Of H.M.S. Malaya

LONDON.—The Association of British Malaya is making good progress with the fund to provide comforts for the crew of H.M.S. Malaya, the battleship presented by the people of the F.M.S. during the last war. The Secretary, Mr. Oliver Marks, is appealing for subscriptions and gifts of woollen garments and cigarettes.

Germans Is Going To Be Beaten Again

"I AM very much afraid Germany is going to be beaten again," Dr. Gerhard Seger, former member of the Reichstag and German airman in the last war, told members of the Canadian Club at Montreal.

"This however, seems an historical necessity in order to re-establish a free and peaceful Germany in a united continent of Europe," he added. Dr. Seger said that in his opinion Hitler was "slipping," and made his first big mistake by signing up with Russia.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

"Bomb" Plot Threat To Goring in Prague

ANOTHER German "bomb" plot has been revealed—this time against Nazi No. 2, Field-Marshal Goring. He was warned by the Czech police. They told him that an attempt would be made on his life when he visited Prague early in the New Year.

So the visit has been postponed, and both Czech and Nazi police are making inquiries.

I understand from Czech circles in Belgrade that Goring was warned because the Czechs feared mass reprisals and a new reign of terror, says a correspondent.

The Czech Fascist organisation are said to have been behind the plot. Whether it was to have been a real or fake attempt, as was suspected in the case of the beer cellar incident at Munich, is not known.

PLANS are afoot in Germany to pay "part of the wages of workers in the form of promissory notes," it is revealed by the Schwarze Korps.

An article headed "Work more—consume less" says:

"Since we have had no unemployment for a long time, and since we have already utilised the possibilities of rationalisation for the time being, our rising wage production can only be continued if we apply less labour to the satisfaction of private needs."

A NUMBER of passenger trains, including several expresses, have been withdrawn from the German railways, according to the German wireless.

The measure, it was stated, "is due to the necessity of freeing locomotives and locomotive personnel for carrying vital industrial supplies and to the difficulties caused by the cold weather."

OWING to the shortage of leather, and even of ersatz leather, a decree has been issued in Germany that shoes can only be mended in pairs and not singly. If one sole only

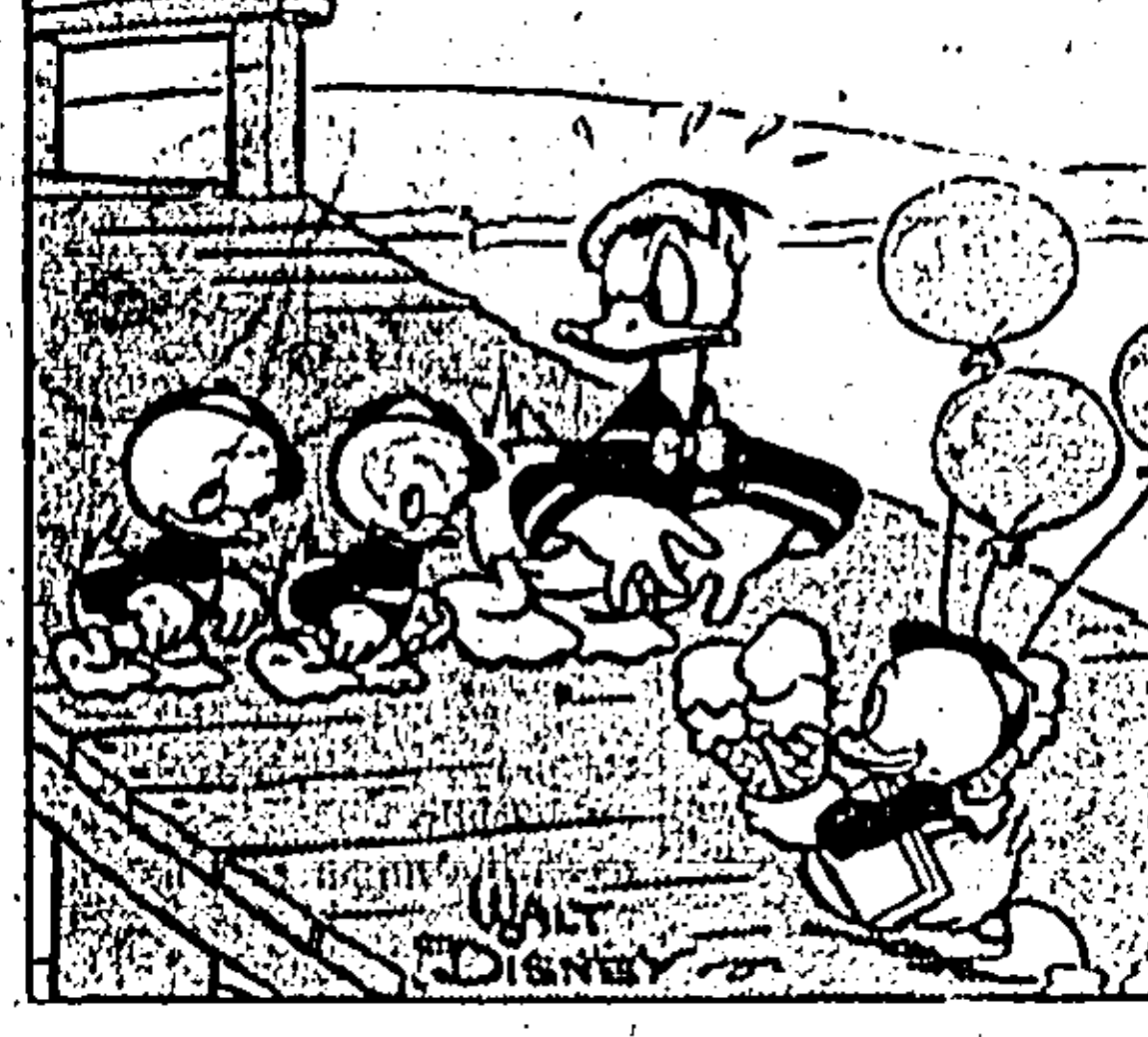
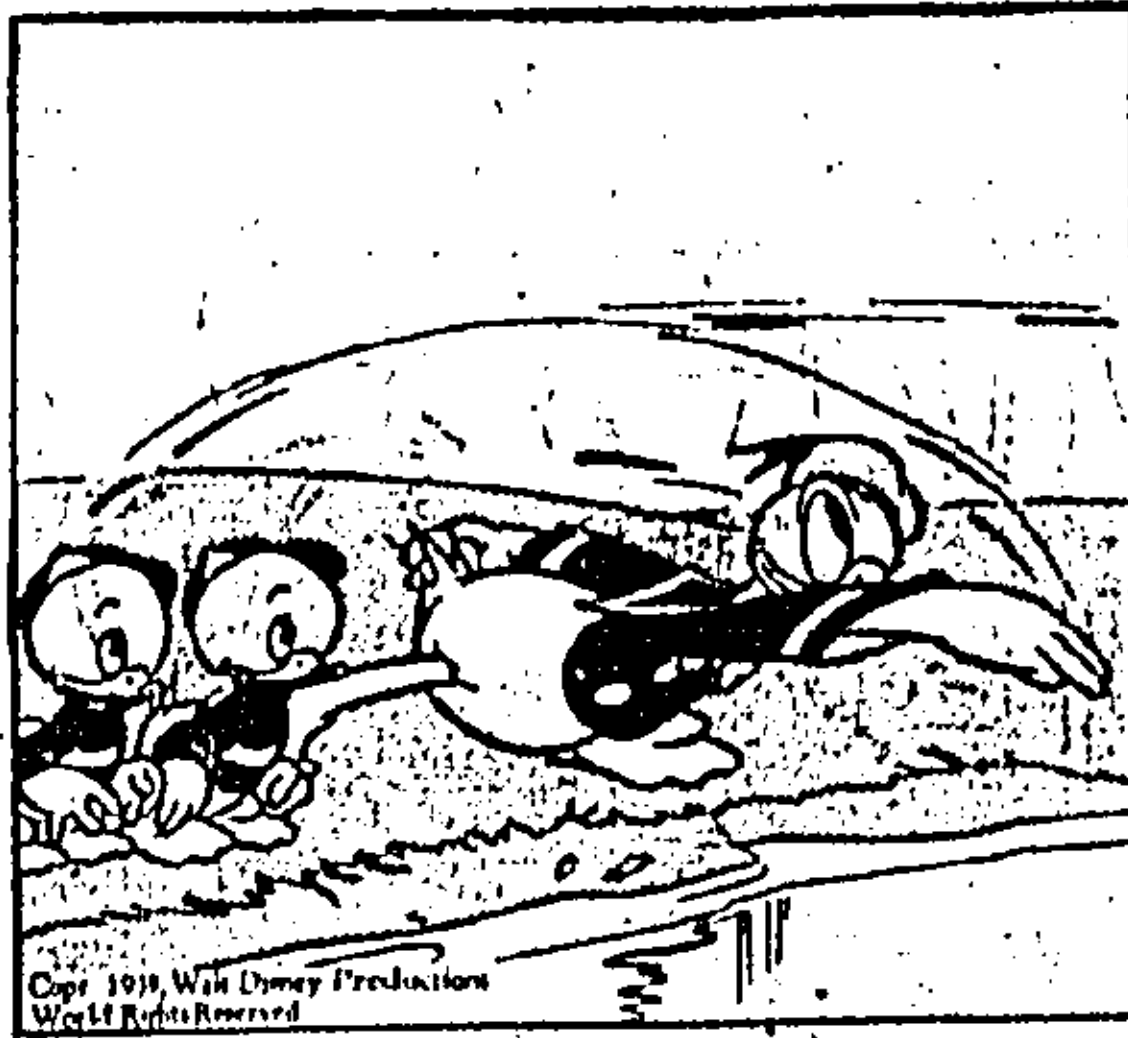
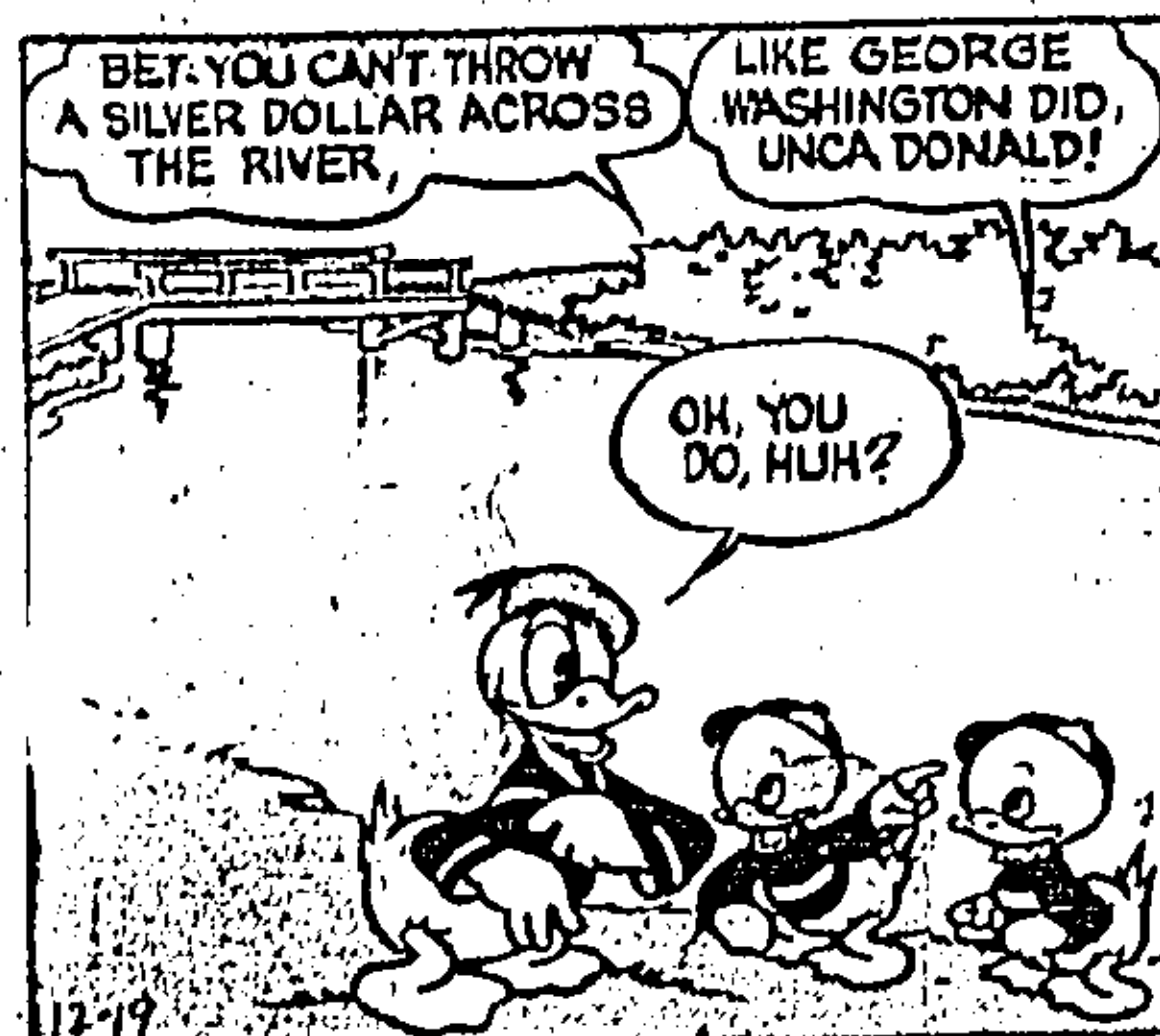
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OTTAWA. ONE OF THE FIRST advance subscriptions received for Canada's first war loan was one of \$20,000 from the Dionne quintuplets' trust fund, according to an announcement made to-day by the Department of Finance.

The slogan of the war loan is, "Make your dollars fight for freedom." The Finance Minister, in a broadcast, revealed that the United Kingdom's purchases in Canada during the first year of war would probably amount to some £100,000,000.

Agile Tree Climber
At 70

NORMAN, (UP)—Annie Henson of the Oak Grove community is 70 years old, and can climb a tree like she could at the age of 10. She proved it while picking wild plums in an open pasture. When a bull charged toward her, she quickly climbed a tree to safety.

Factory's Cure For
Black-Out Blues

BETWEEN 3,000 and 4,000 bottles of milk go into a certain factory every day, and out at the other end pours a constant stream of—Bren guns.

The factory is one of the largest producing small arms for the Ministry of Supply.

It has been found there that the milk is almost as important as the steel supply for keeping up constant output. It cuts down the sickness rate among the workers.

Milk and guns work better than "guns instead of butter."

But even milk doesn't cure disease, they have discovered at the factory. That disease is "black-out blues."

The welfare department has, however, found a remedy for this psychological effect.

Evening Off

"There is an elastic arrangement by which a worker with 'black-out blues' can have the evening off to go to the pictures with his wife and family," an official told the "Daily Herald."

Mass production pours Bren guns out of this factory in staggering numbers, and yet production is not yet at the peak.

When it is considered that a Bren gun has 172 parts, that there are 3,174 operations in its construction, and that 4,007 gauges are used for testing, some little idea may be possible of the plant and employment necessary.

The two major components of the Bren are the body and the butt slide, both produced from high tensile alloy steel.

The body starts as a "drop stamping" weighing 46lb, but, after passing through 200 operations, it leaves the machine shop a bright and intricately carved work weighing under 7lb.

The butt slide weighs as a forging 16lb, and requires 103 operations to reduce it to a mere shell weighing 2lb.

Fairy Tale City
Waits For A Prince

COPENHAGEN, the fairy-tale city where Hans Andersen wrote romance round the narrow streets and twisted spires, is in a state of happy excitement over the news that Denmark's Crown Princess Ingrid is expecting her first baby.

It is four years since the only daughter of the Swedish Crown Prince married the heir to the Danish Throne, so the nation's joy will be shared by Sweden. England, too, has a share in the event, for Princess Ingrid's mother was born here, and the princess always considers herself at least half-English.

Only the outbreak of war prevented her from paying her usual late summer visit to the Duke of Connaught, her grandfather.

There is a widespread hope that Princess Ingrid's baby will be a boy.

Much of the layette is being chosen in England under the expert supervision of Princess Ingrid's British relatives.

Seven Years' Jail
For Treason

CHARGED with treason, William McAllister has been sentenced at Belfast City Commission to seven years' penal servitude.

They Used
Gunpowder
In 1250

CINCINNATI, (UP)—There is a large place reserved in world history for the man who invented gunpowder—but no historian can be certain of his inventor's identity.

Perhaps no chemical invention or discovery has affected the course of history to a greater degree than that of gunpowder. The search for the person who first learned that the destiny of nations lies in the harmless-looking stuff that isn't particularly dangerous unless confined has been in progress for centuries.

Dr. Ralph E. Oesper, associate professor of analytical chemistry at University of Cincinnati, has been making a study of the origin of gunpowder.

Dr. Oesper said that Berthold Schwarz, a German monk, and Friar Roger Bacon, have been associated with the invention, although the Bacon claim has been upheld solely in England.

His studies have led Dr. Oesper to the conclusion that Schwarz—if he really existed at all—lived about 1250 at Freiburg, Germany.

"No contemporary documents or accounts dealing with Schwarz are known and those who contend that he never existed may be correct, but at least tradition, which usually has a historical basis, justified the monument to his memory in Freiburg," Dr. Oesper explained.

The earliest version, taken from a Freiburg manuscript of 1432, has Schwarz seeking a tincture for gilding metals, mixing saltpetre, sulphur, lead, and oil in a tight copper pot, and prompted by the resultant explosion to experiment further.

"Why are there no contemporary records?" Dr. Oesper asked. "If Berthold Schwarz is a purely legendary inventor, the answer is obvious. However, history may have taken no interest in his doing because guns were said to be execrable inventions and their employment was deemed as destructive of manly valour and unworthy of an honourable warrior."

Schwarz was reputed to have compounded powder with Satan's blessing, and the clergy preached that as a co-worker of the evil one, he was a congealer to his profession, and his name should be forgotten.

"There is a tradition that he was imprisoned by his fellow monks, and some say he made his invention while in prison. According to another legend, he blew himself up while demonstrating the power of his discovery. Another states that he was executed."

There was no reference to the Chinese claim to the invention of gunpowder in Dr. Oesper's report.

After the Clerk of the Crown had spent ten minutes reading out the charge, McAllister refused to plead.

"Not Interested"

Asked if he was ready to be tried, he replied: "It doesn't interest me in the least."

It was alleged that McAllister, with "other evilly disposed persons, conspired to raise, make and levy insurrection against the King at Belfast in January, 1939."

The charge also alleged conspiracy with members of an "illegal organization," the Irish Republican Army, to steal rifles from Campbell College, Belfast; and that McAllister set up on an I.R.A. court-martial in Belfast.

Crown counsel said that the evidence consisted largely of documents found in McAllister's house in Belfast.

He Told Judge—

These included letters addressed to and from the "Adjutant-General, I.R.A. headquarters, Dublin."

After the jury returned its verdict of guilty, McAllister said to the judge:

"It is not treason to fight for one's country. I believe my country should be free, and I have been prepared to take any steps to attain that end."

BANNS WERE
STOPPED

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Amelia Gill arranged to wed Charles V. Stevens, aged 23, of Holland-street, Weston-super-Mare.

The banns were read out at church—but only once.

For Mary's mother stepped in and stopped them.

"She thought I was too young," Mary told the Weston magistrates, applying for their consent.

But the bench didn't. So this time the banns should go through without a hitch.

League Kept Busy
With Other Work

Outside Of Crisis

GENEVA. — League of Nations activities are not restricted to the Soviet-Finnish crisis. In addition to the groups considering the Finnish appeal, three other League committees were in session.

One adopted a report for the co-ordination of all the League's non-political activities in a single, semi-independent office.

Non-political activities, in which many non-members co-operate, include the campaigns against narcotics and slavery; economics and financial work; communications and transit; sanitary, refugee, relief, social, and humanitarian work.

The Committee on Mandates heard reports by various powers on the administration of African and Southern Pacific mandates.

The Budget Committee, which adopted a report on 1940 expenses, was the only group which had a Russian representative.

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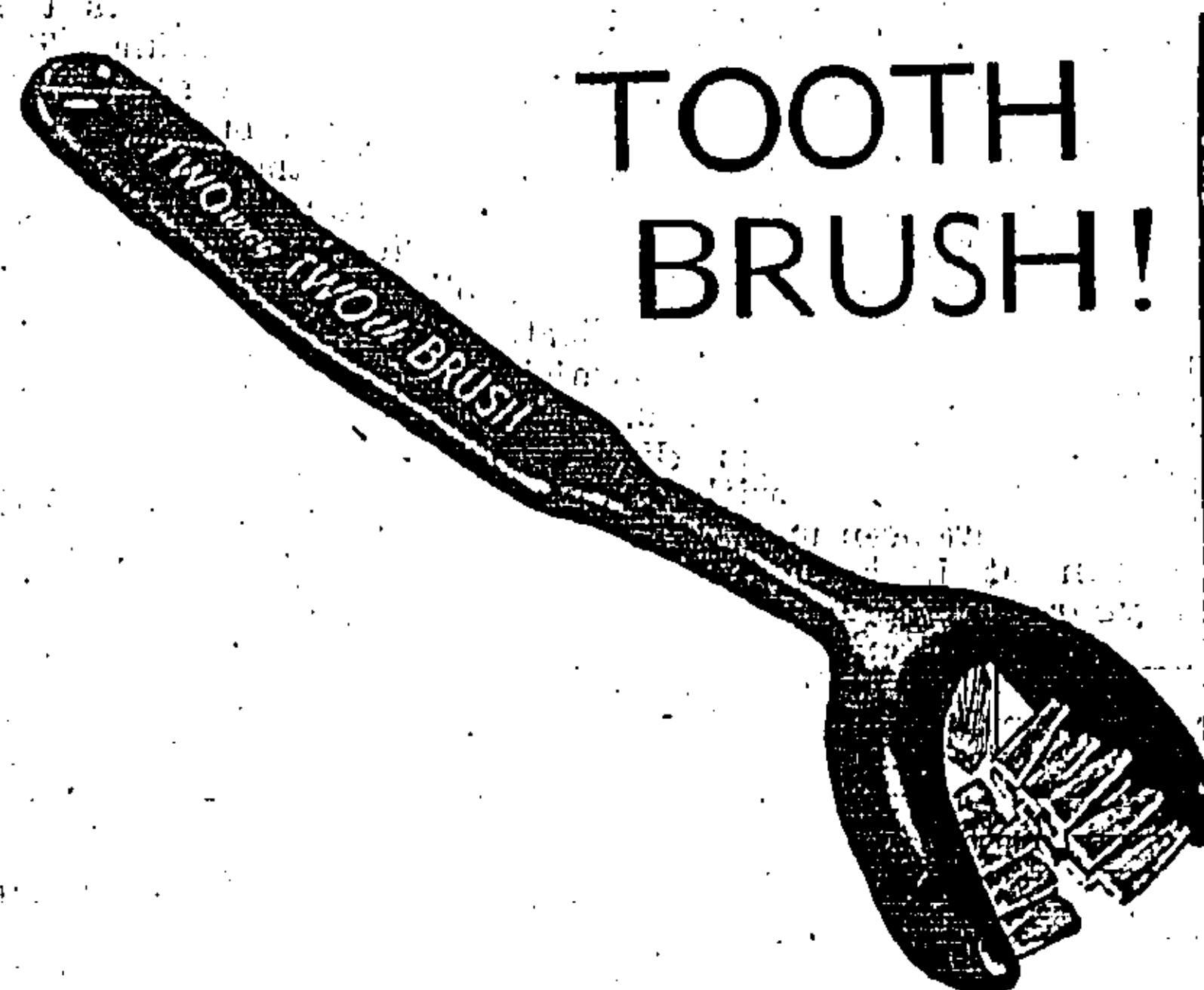
VALLEY FORD, (UP)—This city had an unexpected "blackout" test. All lighting facilities of the city suddenly went out.

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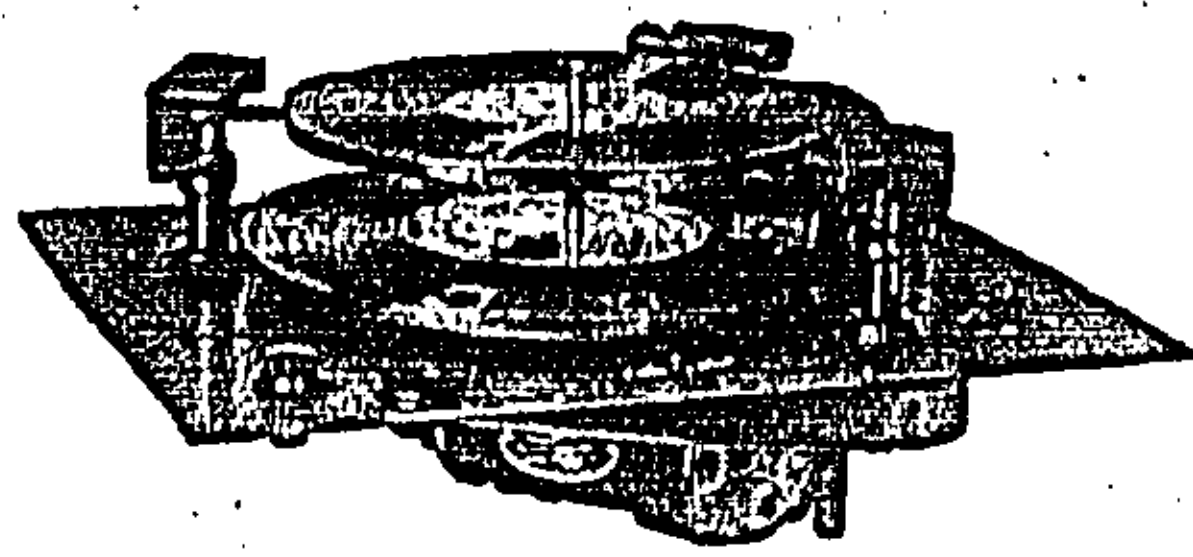
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Balkan Peace

The Balkan peasant, whose numbers make him the most important person in that part of the world, poor, illiterate, tilling his soil in an ancient, unprofitable way, will count himself lucky that the madness to the north has not yet inflamed the fanaticisms on which his own rulers have been nourished. The cynical might be surprised that in this most turbulent region acquiescence has not yet acted on example. There are so many demands on record, and so many determined refusals. Hungary has wanted Transylvania from Rumania, while Bulgaria asks from her the Southern Dobruja, with a piece, perhaps, of Macedonia from Yugoslavia and a part of the Aegean from Greece. This time of general insecurity, with the great law-abiders and the great lawless occupied elsewhere, might have seemed ideal for the armed pursuit of some of these aims, which, often enough, are almost affairs of conscience with those who follow them. One such attempt would have plunged the whole Balkans into militant chaos. Why has one not yet been made? It is, of course, possible that even among these peoples the effects of modern war are seen for what they are. But there are active elements of stability, and one of the most powerful among them is the influence of Italy. Italy, in her stronger periods, has always looked towards South-eastern Europe. In the Middle Ages her rulers allied themselves by marriage to the royal houses of Serbia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. The merchants of Venice held the commerce of the Levant in their hands, and when the Turks swept into Southern Europe they found in this city one of their most obstinate enemies. The line of history leads Italy quite naturally into the Balkans to-day. She has now another reason for wishing the peacefulness of these States. Russian Communism is attempting to march westwards; from Hungary's new frontier with Russia it is little more than three hundred miles to the Italian border. It is not only that a Russian appearance in the Balkans brings a second Great Power within striking distance of Italy, but that it would mean the spread of a doctrine which Italy, with the Papacy, considers the great modern evil. For Italy the effect of a Russian entry into Bucharest would be little different from that which which Europe experienced when the infidel Turks knocked at the gates of Vienna in 1683. Italy's regard for the Balkans is a discreet compound of interests and ideals. War in the Balkans would mean heavy material losses for her, and she would naturally seek to restrain its causes. The one hope of the Balkan States' withstanding that possible expansion of the war begun to the north, which it is one of Italy's declared objects to avoid, is for their amicable settlement or postponement of their own claims on each other. Italy's task and responsibility are great. The Balkan Entente (Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey, and Greece), should itself be a stabilising force, but it has lost most of its strength by Yugoslavia's unhappy consciousness of



Hopeless Hermann: You guys may laugh, but this new uniform cost me 60 coupons.

ALL KINDS OF CLOTHING—INCLUDING UNDERCLOTHES—ARE NOW STRICTLY RATIONED IN GERMANY.

STALIN WANTS A GREAT NAVY

RUSSIA'S increased influence in the Baltic during recent weeks is obviously related to the ambition of the Soviet leaders to make the U.S.S.R. a great naval Power, which it certainly is not at present. This idea of a powerful Russian Fleet is as old as Peter the Great, who, however, had certain advantages over the existing rulers of Russia. Peter had the wisdom to know that the first essential in building a large fleet entailed not only the acquisition of naval bases, but also the building of ships, and that in turn meant the creation of a shipbuilding industry.

With that object in view Peter went to the Thames to study the art and craft of ship construction, and if to-day Stalin were to follow that example by a few months' shipbuilding training on, say, the Clyde, Belfast, or the North-East Coast he would go back to Russia with the knowledge that more Five-Year Plans than he will live to see carried through would be necessary to reorganise Russia's shipbuilding industry to a standard commensurate with the sea-power ambitions of the Soviets.

Kalinin's Advice

Naval construction and the ship-building industry have been more or less neglected by the first of two Five-Year Plans, although Kalinin, the President of the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R., has been exhorting the Soviet shipbuilders to overtake "the foremost capitalist sea Powers." So far the "Bolshevisation" of the Navy and the shipbuilding industry has not been helpful. Commissars and naval officers do not make a team, and is not surprising that discipline should go by the board when the political chiefs take priority over the officers trained in naval strategy.

As for shipbuilding, the problems which confront the Soviet authorities are obvious. It is the greatest of all assembling industries, and is therefore the most difficult to nationalise successfully. Innumerable other trades and industries are associated with shipbuilding, and if inefficiency and intrigue occur

the German troops on her frontier. Every effort Italy makes for peace in the Balkans will strengthen her, for if that peace collapses the way is open to Germany, which, while Russia is no more than a threat, is the real danger to Balkan independence. The British alliance with Turkey and guarantees to Rumania and Greece themselves form the basis of a system which aims at keeping two aggressive giants out of that corner of Europe. It is a system with which Italy, whose aim is a Balkan peace, should sympathise and which she could do much to support.

in one they upset the balance of all. It is perhaps for that reason that shipbuilding has been the least successful of the Russian industries since the Revolution. In fact, the total output of the Soviet shipyards since 1917 has been something less than a normal year's output from the Clyde alone.

These problems, which are formidable enough in a peaceful Europe, when manufactured products essential to shipbuilding and marine engineering can be freely imported, may be regarded as insuperable to-day with three of the greatest European Powers at war.

Four Strategic Positions

The Soviet authorities have always been reticent with regard to their shipbuilding production, but in view of the tonnage they have ordered from abroad and the many old ships which they have still in service, it is obvious that their own industry is still a long way from meeting Soviet requirements.

Numerically, particularly with regard to submarines, the Soviet Fleet is believed to be considerable, but that Fleet has to protect strategic positions in the Baltic, the White Sea, the Black Sea, and the Far East. Submarines alone (to quote Signor Mussolini) do not make a great naval Power, and in other classes of tonnage, apart

from one or two modern cruisers and two flotillas of destroyers built or building, the Soviet Fleet consists for the most part of "museum pieces."

The capital ships, of which there are three, were laid down in 1909 and completed in 1915. They have undergone several alterations and improvements, but their general condition is known to be unsatisfactory, and it is doubtful if they would be of any fighting value. One of these vessels, the Pariskaya Kummuna, which was formerly the Sevastopol, built in 1911, made a voyage to the Black Sea some nine years ago, and the reason for her remaining there is said to be her inability to risk the return voyage to the Baltic.

Two cruisers of about 8,000 tons, carrying 7.1-inch guns, have been completed in recent years, and two or three others are reported to be under construction. These cruisers, a 12,000-ton aircraft carrier (converted from a half-built cruiser laid down in 1914), a cruiser-mine-layer of 3,500 tons, and a few large destroyers are the latest units of the Soviet Fleet. Eight large destroyers, which are really light cruisers, each of about 2,700 tons displacement and fitted with 5.1-inch guns, have been under construction at Leningrad in recent years. It is understood that

about six of these ships are completed. They have been influenced by Italian design, and a large Russian destroyer of similar dimensions, the Tashkend, was completed last year by Italian shipbuilders.

Three capital ships of 35,000 tons are projected, and it is understood that the first of these is to be laid down at Leningrad some time this year, but in view of the time taken by the Russian shipbuilders to build destroyers—not to mention cargo ships—it will be many years before we see a modern Russian-built capital ship. It is indeed doubtful if the battle-ships have got further than the design stage, which, to the Russian mind, often means as much as the completed job.

Mercantile Marine

Another example of the Russian enigma is the Soviet mercantile marine. There, too, the greatest secrecy has been observed, but, following years of the utmost reticence relating to their merchant navy, the Soviet authorities went to the other extreme a few months ago by publishing a "Register of Shipping of the U.S.S.R.," which contains more details and particulars of ships than any existing shipping register. No fewer than 29 columns are devoted to each vessel. According to this register, which is in Russian and English, the Soviet merchant fleet comprises some 650 vessels, compared with about 9,000 ships in the British Empire merchant navy.

Many of the Russian ships are foreign-built, mainly British, including about 100 cargo vessels built in British shipyards before the Revolution, while tonnage below 1,000 tons gross includes some vessels built in this country over 70 years ago.

An analysis of this new register of Soviet shipping was given in the "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record" of October 12, in which it was stated that only half of the ships on the register can be of use as ocean-going shipping, the remainder being miscellaneous craft such as barges, coasters, and trawlers. It was added that of the Russian-built ships of over 1,000 tons entered in the register most have been built at the Leningrad Shipbuilding Yard and the Baltic Shipbuilding and Engineering Works.

The Leningrad yard has built 16 vessels and the Baltic yard about 29, all below 5,000 tons. Above that figure are some half-dozen ships of about 6,000 tons, most of which have been built by the Sormovo Works. All these new ships from the Russian

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think maybe I outa see a oculist, Otto! I been seein' double lately!"

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGERIOTING
IN CAMPChinese Internees And
Police In Clash

Photographs showing the damage to the huts in the Argyle Street Chinese soldiers' internment camp were produced at Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday when 24 men were charged before Mr. Himsforth in connection with a riot in the camp on January 13, when the Police clashed with about 200 soldiers.

One of the photographs showed a portion of a brick support that had been partly damaged by rioters who dislodged bricks for weapons. Bed boards, chairs and stones were said to have been used against the Police.

Defendants were accused of behaving riotously and resisting Superintendent W. P. Thompson in the execution of his duty.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, said the inmates of the camp had been transferred from Maitland about Christmas. The camp had 12 huts arranged in rows and each camp had two representatives elected by the internees. One of them was a general representative.

On January 12 the Officer in charge of the camp, Sgt. McLeod, was to leave for another appointment and his place taken by Sub-Inspector Johnson. Because of this the internees were ordered to go to the compound and their numbers could be checked. Two men were missing.

Second Check Made

Mr. Searle, Assistant Superintendent of Police, reported that he received instructions to make a second check the following day. This was done, and the internees were again gathered in the compound, having been previously told why they were called out. The internees were informed that two of them were missing and that Mr. Searle had to search the huts and manholes.

Leaving Sub-Inspector Johnson and others in charge, Mr. Searle went to begin the search and was away for a few minutes when he heard loud talking and found that some trouble had broken out. He returned to the internees and once more explained to them the object of their being kept in the compound and also stressed the necessity for patience. The men replied with shouts of "Hurry!" and "Don't keep us waiting!"

The internees continued to make a noise and Mr. Searle continued to make trouble. That man was taken away and words like "Charge!" and "Release!" were heard from the internees. At the same time clogs and stones were thrown at Sgt. McLeod, who was leading the men away. Mr. Williams said a section of the internees surged forward and surrounded Sgt. McLeod, apparently with the object of releasing the man in custody. Indian guards kept the men away. At the same time about 200 broke through the cordon and went towards the huts, where they armed themselves with bed boards various other implements and stones.

Main Gate Guarded

Mr. Searle sent for the Emergency Unit and the main gate was guarded. The rioters barricaded themselves in the huts and pushed their beds up against the doors. Mr. Searle ordered the men to put down their weapons and leave the huts but they refused to do so and said if the Police advanced they would be attacked.

When Mr. Thompson and the Emergency Unit arrived the men in the huts were warned again but as this had no effect it was decided that the Police should act. Before this the Police were continually being showered with bricks and stones. The Police forced their way into the huts, and as they entered they were attacked by the occupants, bed boards, stones and bricks being used. A number of the internees and the Police were injured. The internees retreated and eventually made a final stand which was broken up. Before this the men were given chances to come out voluntarily.

Main Gate Guarded

Mr. Williams said not all the inmates participated in the riot, between 200 to 300 keeping away. Others left the barricaded huts when chances were given them to do so. The hearing was adjourned to this afternoon.

STALIN'S INVADERS
SMASHED

FROM PAGE ONE

Soviet detachments, attempting a turning movement at Altiokki were repelled and left 350 dead.

The Soviet air force attacked the districts of Kotka, Lovisa, Hangö and Rauma, and bombed Hyymsalmi in north Finland.

Two Soviet planes were brought down, while Finnish fighters bombed Soviet concentration points and columns of troops.

Helsingfors had two air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped on the city.

NEW CANADIAN
DIVISION

Ottawa, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Second Canadian Division is going overseas as soon as possible, and this has aroused speculation concerning the third division.

This will probably be formed as soon as the Second Division reaches an advanced stage in training.

JAPANESE POLICY TO
BE OUTLINED SOONDaring Murder
In Kowloon

In full view of a number of pedestrians, Lam Hing, 33, wood worker, of Kowloon Dock, was murdered last night. The crime was committed in Gillies Avenue. Lam was walking in the street when a man crept up behind and stabbed him in the back. Lam fell with a groan, the weapon still sticking from his body. The murderer dealt the one blow and escaped into the darkness.

Within a few minutes police were on the scene and found Lam dead. They have started a search for the alleged assailant, who is said to have run down Chatham Road in the direction of Kowloon. He is described as being between 24 and 25, thin, with a long chin and hair cut short. He was dressed in white blue striped suit, black cloth Chinese shoes and a brown felt hat. He speaks punli.

AMERICAN
ARRESTED

Tientsin, Jan. 29.

An American, John J. Waldron, on Saturday was arrested after an incident in which he struck a Japanese soldier after the latter had behaved threateningly in an effort to prevent Waldron's entry into the Concession with a basket of fruit.

The American Consul urged correspondents not to publish the news and suggested that an effort would be made through the State Department to obtain the release of the man.

Warning By Japanese

Tientsin, Jan. 29.

Interviewed regarding the possible connection between the expiry of the United States trade treaty with Japan and the sudden tightening of the barrier restrictions, Lieut.-General Homma, Commander of the Japanese Garrison in Tientsin, warned the Americans of the necessity of improving relations between the two countries.

"If all our efforts to improve relations with America fail the Japanese will see no further reason to extend special privileges to American citizens," he said.

Lieut.-General Homma hinted plainly that in the event of failure the military would be forced to review the situation and reconsider steps to be taken. He said that no amount of pressure would induce Japan to abandon the establishment of a new order in East Asia. He concluded by saying: "Think of the sacrifices that have been made during the present incident. If you were in our shoes would you go so far as to nullify all that have been accomplished because you were pressed to do so by another country?"

Exchange Control

Tientsin, Jan. 29.

The American Consulate is withholding protest against the restrictions pending specific complaints. The Provisional Government has begun enforcement of a decree rescinding the previous exemption from the exchange control regulations of exports amounting to 100 yuan and less, thereby intensifying the export restrictions. The decree was announced on Saturday, coinciding with the treaty expiration.

An incident on Sunday in which two Japanese soldiers are reported to have landed on the Bund in the British Concession is now being investigated by the British Consulate. British officers saw the Japanese soldiers with fixed bayonets on the British Bund and ordered them to leave. A British emergency detachment arrived on the scene when the Japanese had disappeared. The British patrolled the area all night.

UNITY MITFORD
IN HOSPITAL

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Medical men state that it has been decided that no operation on the Hon. Miss Unity Mitford is advisable or necessary.

Miss Mitford will probably return home soon in order to complete her convalescence.

Miss Unity Mitford is the "friend of Hitler" who recently was ordered to leave Berlin suffering from two bullet wounds in the head, shortly after England went to war with Germany.

POLISH PRIESTS TOLD
TO PRAY FOR HITLER

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 29 (UP).—Germany is charged with beating, torture and murder of priests in Poland in a barbaric programme of extermination of the Polish people generally.

According to a report to the Pope on January 6, the priests were ordered to pray for Hitler.

Groups of Gestapo men entered a convent and herded the Sisters at a

Premier Yonai Will Speak
At Re-Opening Of The Diet

Tokyo, Jan. 29.

Much importance attaches to the administrative speech which the Premier, Admiral Yonai, will make at the reopening of the Diet on Thursday since it will represent the first official statement of the new Government's platform.

Highlights in the Premier's speech will be:

That the Government will endeavour to bring home to the people at home and abroad the unique policy of the Empire in honour of the 2,600th anniversary of its founding.

That the Government will undertake a settlement of the China Affair with a firm determination in pursuance of the immutably established policies and accord the fullest possible assistance in the growth of the new Chinese regime led by Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

That as announced at the time of the inauguration of the new Government the Government will proceed with an "independent" stand in the conduct of foreign policy and adjustment of diplomatic relations and also firmly adhere to the non-involvement principle in dealing with the European war in succession to the preceding Government.

That emphasis will be laid on the following four points in the conduct of domestic policy with the view of perfecting national defence:

Replacement of armaments.

National spirit be enhanced and wartime consciousness be prevailing through all sections of the nation.

Attention be paid to the development of economic resources and expansion of productive capacity.

Promotion of foreign trade, acceleration of national economy through Japan, Manchukuo and China, and consolidation and proper execution of controlled economy in Japan proper.

In order to secure national livelihood in war time the Government will make efforts to increase provisions for rice and other living necessities, while the Government will call upon the people to co-operate with it in the accomplishment of the aims in the China Affair under a general mobilization of national resources and with an indomitable fortitude in surmounting all hardships and difficulties in the wartime situation.

DOG AND
CAT SHOW

A Dog and Cat show will be held at St. John's Place, Garden Road, opposite the Peak Tram Station, on March 10.

As far as possible the organisers and officials will be those who staged the first show. This year, however, the entire proceeds will be given to the British War Organisation Fund, instead of to the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as was done last year.

Owners who desire to enter dogs or cats should take careful note of the particulars regarding the Entry Forms. These can be obtained from The Dog Show Office, Stock Exchange Building (Room 65). Telephone 33842, between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. daily; or Mrs. Hogg, Jockey Club Stables, Hongkong; or Mrs. Losoby, Dogs' Home, Kowloon.

Entries will close definitely on February 23.

TWO TOMMIES
INTERNEED

BRUSSELS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The authorities have interned two British soldiers who crossed the frontier by mistake. It is reported from Rotterdam.

The men were found by a shopkeeper asleep in his shop. They were numbered with cold and it took a considerable time to revive them. They declared that they lost their way and did not know that they had crossed the frontier.

NAZIS PICKED UP
AT SEA

ADEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Four officers from a German merchant ship have been landed in Aden by a British tanker.

They were picked up in the Red Sea drifting in a small boat without food or water.

They were believed to have come from a German ship which sought refuge in a neutral port, but which had to leave.

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1890.

A telegram has been received from Miss Nellie P. of the New York "World", announcing that she has proved victorious in her race round the world against Miss Island, the representative of a rival "Journal".

There was unveiled on the 18th ult. in the Abbey Church, Dunfermline, a handsome, monumental brass over the tomb of King Robert the Bruce, whose remains were discovered in a vault beneath the church in 1818. The ceremony was performed by Lady Louisa Bruce, a collateral descendant of the great Scottish King, and among those taking part in the proceedings was the Earl of Elgin.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1915.

A farmer at Ping Yuen Village has reported to the police that his pony had been eaten by a tiger. The pony was tethered near the house.

P. C. Goucher went to the spot and found the paws of the tiger near the carcass of the pony, which was partly eaten. The paws measured eight inches across.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1930.

Over 600 delegates representing women's societies in New York State gathered, more or less patiently, while Miss Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, clad in one of the new long skirts, fresh from Paris, explained why the long, flowing lines of the garment were more beautiful than the present knee-length skirt.

"Common charity," declared Miss Lawrence, "demands that some women's knees shall be concealed, and actually all women will profit by the fashion which suggests it is always more flattering than revelation."

The delegates, however, did not appear enthusiastic, and later applauded vigorously one of their number who declared with great pathos that "American women would never surrender the freedom experienced in knee-length skirts nor submit to the little coterie of high-ticket-seeking Frenchmen in Paris."

While this was going on in the hall another dress reformer, in the person of Mrs. Jeanne Winslow, dramatic soprano, paraded the streets of New York, wearing wide light trousers and a dark-green blouse.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1935.

Dr. Francis Cho Min-wei, head of the Central China College in Hsienan, said that the Japanese piece-meal invasion of the area was being undertaken with a view to ultimately excluding from Asia the people of the white race.

Latvian Ship Bombed

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Seven are feared killed when German planes dropped ten bombs on the Latvian steamer, Tautmilla, 3,700 tons, in the North Sea.

An eighth man was seen drifting along in a boat which had been damaged by a bomb. A life-boat is searching for him.

Fifteen men and the Captain's wife escaped in a boat and were picked up by a patrol boat and taken to port.

Lightships Bombed

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Unidentified planes flew over the Shetland Islands this afternoon and fighter planes went up after them. The all clear signal was sounded 40 minutes later.

Further to the South, fighter planes attacked a Heinkel, which fled into low-lying clouds. One of the British fighters was struck by a single bullet, but no damage was done.

Other enemy raiders were driven away by fighters while attacking ships off the Yorkshire coast.

Two of the vessels attacked were defenceless lightships.

Later in the morning, enemy aircraft raided ships off the Kentish coast. Ships reported to be attacked were the "Mistral", the British Officer, the Atholl, Monarch and the Danny Bryn. Further ships reporting attacks at various points were the Stanburn, Otterpool, Knitlay, and Well Park.

It is unofficially stated that 18 German bombers flew over the East coast where the "Mistral", the British Officer, the Atholl, Monarch and the Danny Bryn. Further ships reporting attacks at various points were the Stanburn, Otterpool, Knitlay, and Well Park.

Wang Criticised
In America

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The "Washington Star" in an editorial expresses doubt regarding Wang Ching-wei's assertions that the new Government in the Japanese occupied area will guarantee the rights and interests of third Powers.

"There is no reason to believe that Wang's assurance will be of any more value to the Government's possessing rights and interests in China than the almost identically worded assurances the Japanese puppet Government in Manchukuo so blandly issued," the paper declares.

It continues that the present Manchukuo situation was the key to Wang's meaning when he said that the resumption of the open door policy would require a virtual revolution of Japanese economic and political policies.

It is unlikely that Wang's assurances will be fulfilled unless American pressure on Japan is strong enough to force Tokyo, through fear of economic collapse, to adhere to a reasonable interpretation of what those rights and interests should be.

The Police
Reserve

Police Reserve orders by Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police are:

Promotion—Acting Lance Sergeant 131 Napoleon Leung Pan has been promoted to the rank of Lance Sergeant, as from January 1, 1940.

Leave—Constable R112 Chan Ching-nan has been granted six months' leave of absence from the Colony to date from January 23, 1940.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Training Courses—Part I & II—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 8.15 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (H) Mehdi Khan, Constables R213 M. A. Khan, R217 M. A. Khan, R227 Sarwar Khan, R277 M. A. Khan, R217 Abdul Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 Atta Mohammed, R249 Abdullah Khan, R249 Raza Ali, R253 M. A. Khan, R201 N. Khan, R223 M. A. Khan, R202 A. Khan, R274 H. Khan, R248 Gureman Singh, R204 Mohamed Currim, R1705 Sultan Khan, R700 M. Yakub, and R708 M. Hosen.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad—The next instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section will take place on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, at 8.15 p.m. sharp at Central Police Station. All members must attend. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with White Cover, and with White Belt & Chain, and Truncheon to be carried. The next instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Friday, February 2, 1940, at 8.15 p.m. sharp at Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station. All members must attend. Dress—Blue uniform, cap with White Cover, and with White Belt, with Brace, Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve—Strength—Constable R41 Eric Robert Bucher has been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from January 23, 1940.

N.C.O.'s Meeting—An N.C.O.'s meeting will be held at No. 2 Police Station on Tuesday, January 30, 1940, at 8.15 p.m. Training Course—Part I & II—All ranks will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31, 1940, to qualify in Squad Drill.

Training Courses—Part I & II—All ranks will parade at No. 2 Police Station at 8.15 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 1940. Members who have qualified in Squad Drill will attend for revolver instruction under the Musketry Instructor.

Arms Licence—All Letters of Exemption for Arms should be forwarded for renewal to Sub-Inspector (H) M. A. de Souza not later than Wednesday, January 31, 1940.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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New Headquarters At Happy Valley

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

KOWLOON TAKE FULL POINTS FROM THE ARMY

FOR THE SECOND SATURDAY in succession I was lucky enough to find two senior League matches with only a wire fence between them at Sookunpoo, and consequently was able to see quite a bit of both.

Winch Bowls Splendidly For Craigengower Against Indians

The game on the Club ground was cancelled on Friday afternoon by the University—so I am informed—who could not raise a side. They managed, however, to raise a second eleven for their League game with Civil Service second, though to my surprise they played a leading bowler and a leading batsman of their first eleven in this second team.

There are bound to be people turning out now for the first and now for the second, but they are those on the fringe of the first team and not established members of it. But I should have been interested to know if the Varsity could have raised a side had it been a first division League game! The cancelling of friendlies has been the great argument for a League always.

WEBB COMES OFF

THE ARMY first team had much to thank Webb and Skipwith for in their score of 138. The former is an excellent batsman when he gets going, but a very bad beginner, and I learn that just before I arrived he was badly dropped in the slips. He played some very nice cricket afterwards and collected 50 before a good break-back from Robert Lee clean bowled him.

Cross stopped some time. I find he has been out of cricket since the Forester Match with a damaged shoulder which hampered him a good deal when batting though it did not prevent him from keeping wicket remarkably well.

PATCHY KOWLOON BATTING

A SCORE of 130 presented few terrors to the very strong K.C.C. batting side, but there were three failures, and it was not until Lloyd joined E. C. Fincher that the runs were hit off. Anderson once again exceeded the half century while Ernie Fincher made some pretty shots in his 22.

At that time it looked as if the runs might be knocked off without further loss, but Young took three quick wickets and Mackay was run out. However, Lloyd stopped and a four-wickets victory was the result.

The Army are unfortunate in losing Godby, and possibly Whymman may not be able to play any more, but they have found a useful bowler in Young.

Craigengower Do Well

CRAIGENGOWER gave the I.R.C. a great fright, and at one time I thought they were going to pull the game off, but the Indians had a couple of useful batsmen in hand at the end.

The start of the game was sensational as H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling and F. R. Zimmer were sent back before ten runs were on the board. A. R. H. Esmail saved them, and played an extremely good innings. The great bulk of the runs were scored in his two partnerships with G. Souza, who recovered some of his form, and E. A. Lee. Souza was out to a very foolish attempt to drive Minu's good length faster ball. Lee, who succeeded, might have been out to any of the first five balls he received, one of which he smacked for four through the slips.

No one else did anything except when Youngsaye and Billmorla held the last wicket up, gaining some time and a few valuable runs.

SPLENDID BOWLING BY WINCH

TO GET 121 RUNS in an hour and a half on the I.R.C. ground was a task that should have been well within the powers of the home side, especially as the out field was so fast that the ball shot to the boundary. But as it happened they found Winch in splendid form. Bowling pretty fast from the Tung Wah end and making the ball come back a bit he soon had the batsmen in trouble. He bowled both A. H. Rumjahn and Nazarin, and when he got A. H. Madar taken at the wicket things began to look serious for the Indians.

F. R. Zimmer thought he took no wickets was pegging the other end down very successfully. Y. El Arcull stopped a bit, and banged a couple of fours, but Winch got a beauty passed him, and shortly after A. B. Minu, who had been dropped in the country off Winch, just touched one which went on to bowl him.

MIGHT HAVE WON

BUT FOR KITCHELL, who was playing the bowling well, but who could find little chance to score, Craigengower might have won. But the wicket was held up until Billmorla got M. El Arcull in the deep,

Further Change In Rugger Fifteen

A further change has been made in the composition of the Interport rugby fifteen. D. H. Stewart, wing three-quarter, is unable to go and H. Van Leeuwen, Captain of the Club "A" XV, has been invited to take his place.

and then Kitchell was smartly taken at deep mid-off by Souza.

With ten minutes or more to go there was still a chance, but Winch had tired, and Ismail presented no difficulties to A. M. Rumjahn and Baker, and they played out time.

It is difficult to say whether it was good bowling or unenterprising batting that led to a miserable total of 170 runs being scored in four hours cricket. Possibly a bit of both.

Winch (16-2-23-5) certainly was very good and Minu (17-3-6-57-7) also did well though maybe he should have made more use of A. M. Rumjahn and Arcull. I have never seen Ernie Zimmer in better form behind the stumps, and he could have given points and a beating to his brother on the other side of the fence!

C. S. First Success

THE CIVIL SERVICE Second Eleven won their first League match on Saturday by three runs only. However, as I have remarked elsewhere it wasn't such a bad performance as N. Singh took 6 wickets for 52 runs, and he is a First Eleven star bowler. Batting, G. Hong Choy made 49 runs. He also is a member of the First Eleven.

The Civil Service batted first, and showed a welcome amount of general success. No less than six players made scores between 10 and 20. Under the circumstances their total of 112 was satisfactory. They managed to get their opponents out for 109.

Fenton, who went on first change, took 5 for 23 in 43 overs. Buckle and Bond were a bit expensive, taking two wickets each. Incidentally I notice that neither Robertson nor MacGowan were playing for the Civil Service.

Return To Form

THE KOWLOON and Army Second match has already been dealt with, and I will only remark here that Man seems to have come back to form with the bat, while Patterson was again successful. The K.C.C. will have to get a move on if they are going to be in the running this year.

Police Win Friendly

THE CRAIGENGOWER Second Eleven made an unexpectedly poor showing against the Police who batted first and made 151. Loughlin (41), was ably assisted by Clarke (24) and Stevens (28 not out), while in the bowling Pope had one of his good days. His figures read 8-1-27-6. Craigengower could manage no more than 88.

Bishop Sargent's Side

I SEE that Bishop Sargent, who has come down here, I understand, for a short visit, has managed to preserve his cricket interest in spite of the calls of his episcopal duties. He took a team mostly from the schools here to play an "A" side of the Club at Recto, who were, of course, rather too strong for their visitors. They knocked up 200 for 7 wickets, but they failed to get out Bishop Sargent's eleven who put up 102 for 7 wickets. A. G. M. Pratt batted all through for 49 not out.

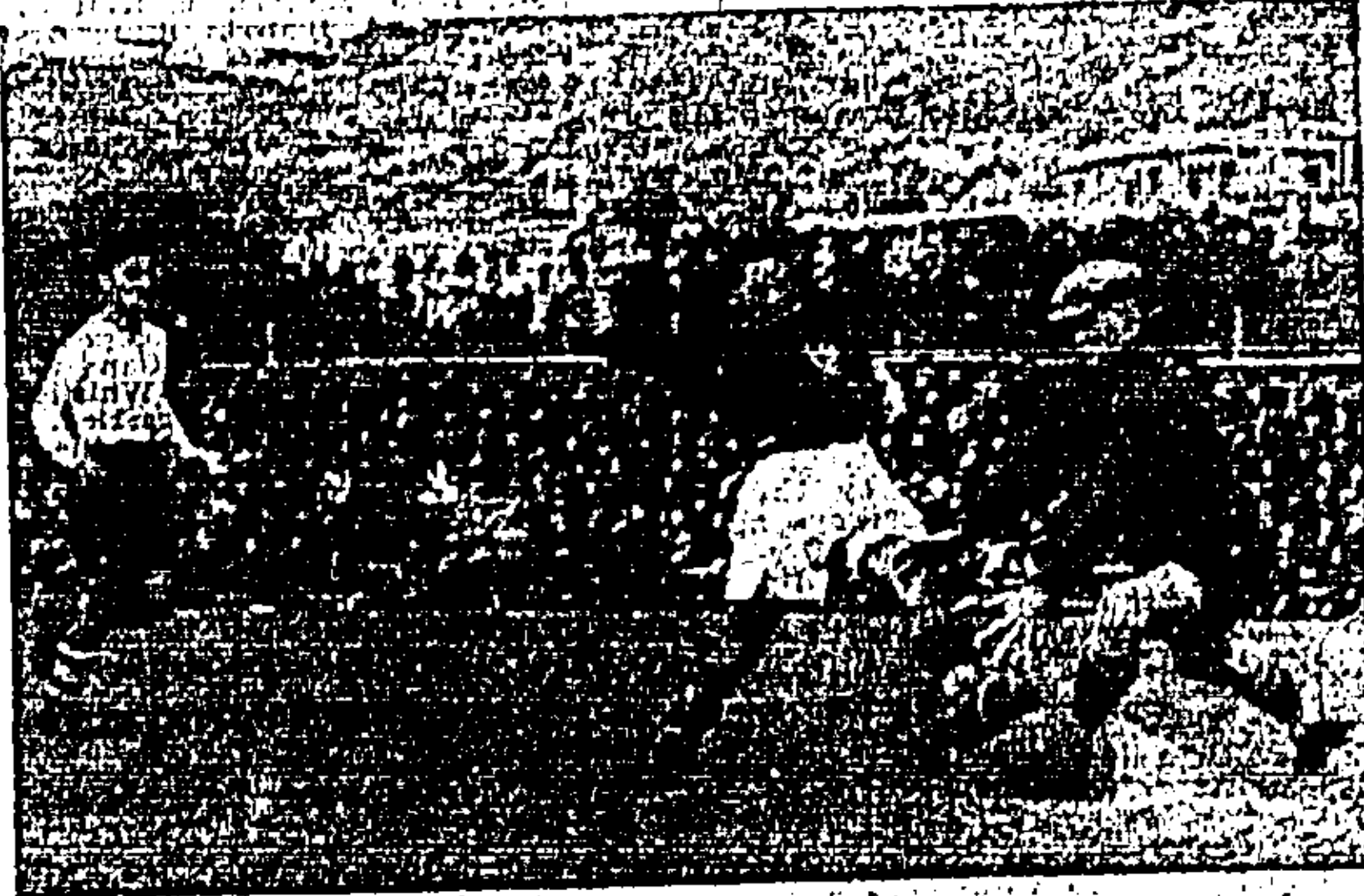
Schoolboy Cricket Prodigy

10 Wickets For 53 And 367 Not Out

SYDNEY, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Australia continues to produce boy cricket prodigies. The latest is a Queensland schoolboy named Kenneth Mackay, who, by taking all ten wickets for 58 runs and following up with an innings of 367 not out, performed one of the most remarkable feats in cricket.

Mackay helped his club, Virginia, to score 653 runs against Sherwood, and by doing so he carried his aggregate for the season to 1,031 runs at an average of 91.6. Mackay's score is not a record for school cricket, but his notable "double" is probably the first of its kind.

The biggest innings on record was made in a junior house match at Clifton College (England) in 1899 by A. E. J. Collins, who scored 628 not out in 6 hours 40 minutes, spread over five afternoons.



Taylor (Civilian) goalkeeper, scooping the ball from the toes of Hau Ching-to (Combined Chinese) in the Lai Wah Cup match at Causeway Bay on Sunday. Maxwell (Civilian) is close behind. The Chinese won 4-2.—Mee Cheung.

Golf Mayhew And Smith In Captain's Cup Final

IN THE SEMI-FINALS of the match play stages of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition (1939) during the weekend, J. W. Mayhew (10) beat D. B. Edward (4) three and two, and J. T. Smith (2) beat N. K. Littlejohn (10) six and five.

STUBBS SHIELD

Third round results in the Stubbs Shield competition were as follows: Asiatic Petroleum Co. beat Leigh and Orange three and two; Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps beat Dodwell and Co. at the 10th; Harbour

Successful Week-end Shoot Arranged By Dockyard Club

THE WEEK-END SHOOT at the Kowloon City Ranges was held under the auspices of the Dockyard Rifle Club, and 130 members were attracted to participate in a number of interesting and novel events.

Although firing took place in rather poor light with a fairly strong cross wind, performances on the whole were good. Twenty-six marksmen had scores of 90 and over in the aperture sights class, while Q.M.S. J. Ball again put up an excellent performance in the open sights class with a score of 95, securing the nett spoon.

Prizes under special conditions were awarded at 200, 500 and 600 yards. These were won by L.A.C. L. R. Hunt, of the R.A.F. (aperture) and Pte. R. A. Castro (open sights) at 200 yards; by Lt. C. Otway, R.E., and Pte. T. Dudgeon, R. Scots, at 500 yards, and by Capt. F. F. Scudamore, Volunteers (five balls) and Insp. All Mohamed, H.K. Police (five magpies) at 600 yards.

The team shoot between Royal Engineers and the Royal Air Force in the semi-final round of the Bellis Shield Competition was won by the Sappers, who scored 523 points, as against 498 for the Engineers.

U.S. Tennis Players Barred From Europe

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—No American lawn tennis players will be authorized to play in Europe at present. This decision was made by the American Lawn Tennis Association after receiving an invitation from Italy to send players to their next championships, to be held in Rome.

Sgt. K. C. Hoo, of the Police Reserves, who secured 53 points out of a possible 60, while the handicap spoon was won by Mr. W. A. Tansley, formerly of the Hongkong Police Reserves.

COMMODORE COMPETES

Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, of the Manchester Regiment, won the open event in the Clay Bird Shoot with 17 out of 25 and Mr. A. F. Evans won the handicap spoon. Among the competitors were Commodore A. M. Peters and Flg. Lt. W. A. Elliott.

To-morrow's shooting on the Kowloon City Ranges will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards, while there will also be revolver shooting at 15 and 20 yards. Results of Sunday's shooting was as follows:

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L. A. J. Le Gall Ser.	3	21	21	21	63
Mr. J. A. Guard Ser.	4	21	21	21	63
Sgt. F. E. Russell Ser.	5	21	21	21	63
Sgt. V. Gough Ser.	6	21	21	21	63
S/P.W.F. Thompson 2	7	21	21	21	63
Sgt. R. J. Reap Ser.	8	21	21	21	63
Sgt. J. H. White 3	9	21	21	21	63
Lt. C. Otway Ser.	10	21	21	21	63
Mr. R. C. Trenchard Ser.	11	21	21	21	63
Sgt. R. A. Chau Ser.	12	21	21	21	63
C/Sgt. P. Hale Ser.	13	21	21	21	63
Insp. A. J. Hopkins Ser.	14	21	21	21	63
B.M. V. Gough Ser.	15	21	21	21	63
Sgt. (R) A. C. Chan 2	16	21	21	21	63
ASgt. (R) B. Loie Ser.	17	21	21	21	63
Sgt. H. H. Thong Ser.	18	21	21	21	63
Sgt. G. Perkins 3	19	21	21	21	63
Sgt. G. E. Breen Ser.	20	21	21	21	63
Sgt. J. A. Hunt 4	21	21	21	21	63
Cpl. F. Cold 1	22	21	21	21	63
Cpl. G. Brown Ser.	23	21	21	21	63
P. S. Chanchal Singh 3	24	21	21	21	63
L/Cpl. S. G. Bright Ser.	25	21	21	21	63
Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro Ser.	26	21	21	21	63

AUSTRALIAN SINGLES TITLE FOR QUIST

SYDNEY, Jan. 29. (Reuter).—In the Australian tennis championship final, Adrian Quist beat Jack Crawford 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Office beat Butterfield and Swire at the 20th; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Chinese Maritime Customs one up.

Qualifiers At Kowloon

W. C. Hung (83-18-75) and Ramsey (84-8-76) qualified for the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup competition during the past week-end. The draw for the first round of the competition will be announced later.

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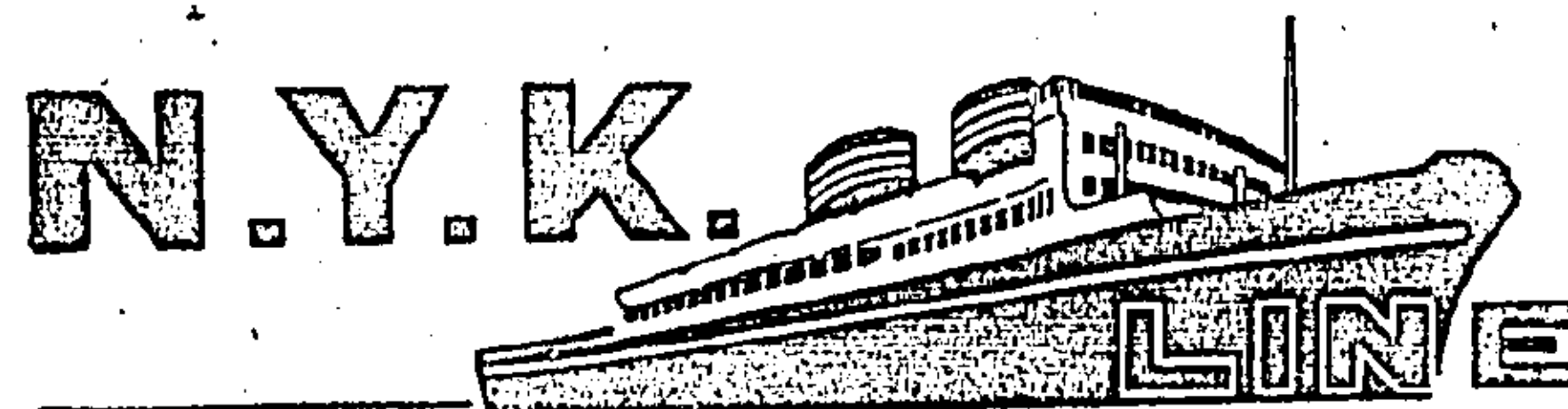
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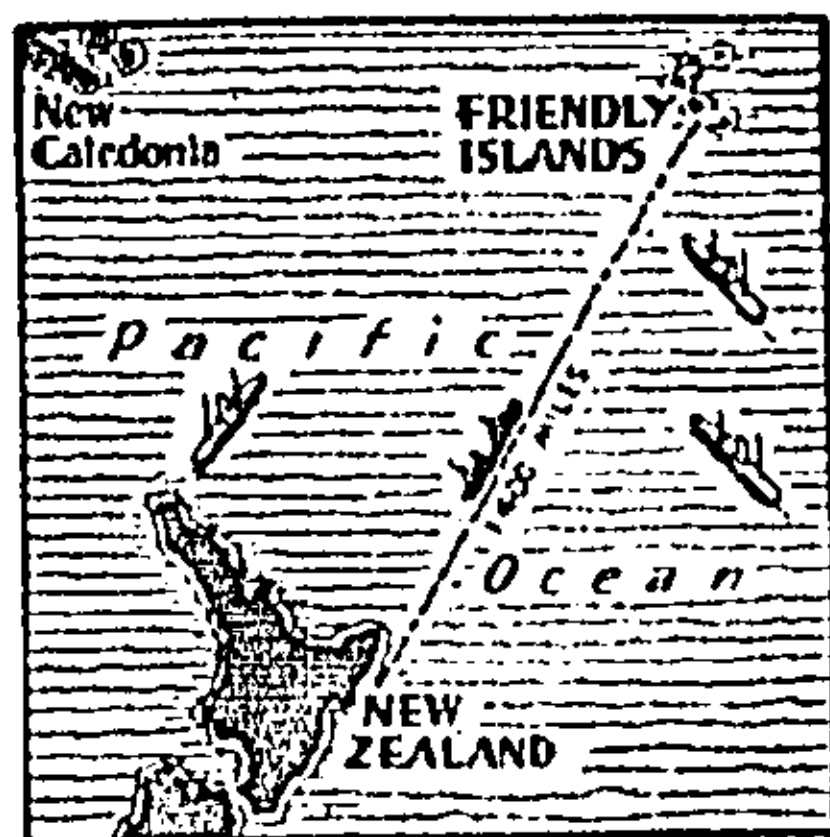
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WAR BRIDE WINS RACE TO WEDDING

AN amazing dash by car, a race against time to organise a
wedding in half an hour, and a final rush through the
village by the daughter of a famous peer, to find a ring.
These incidents figured in the wedding-day of twenty-four-
year-old Miss Freda Noworthy and Private Ernest Oxland,
thirty-year-old British soldier now serving somewhere in France.

REFUSED BAPTISM TO BABY RIBBENTROP

ONE reason why Dr.
Niemöller, the German
pastor, is now in a concen-
tration camp is that he re-
fused to accept into his
Church by baptism a child
of Hitler's henchman, Rib-
bentrop.

This was disclosed at Black-
heath by the Rev. L. Hilde-
brandt, who ministered for 3½
years in Pastor Niemöller's
parish.

"Herr von Ribbentrop had been a
member of our Church, but had left,"
Mr. Hildebrandt said.

"Because of this, Pastor Niemöller
could not see his way clear, according
to the German Church teaching to
baptise the child.

"Herr von Ribbentrop made a per-
sonal appeal, but the pastor would not
relax."

Mr. Hildebrandt revealed another
reason for Pastor Niemöller's incar-
ceration.

"General Ludendorff and his wife
wanted to introduce a new religion,
which was non-Aryan and non-
Jewish.

"The pastor refused to worship man
and not God."

The speaker added: "There are
over 1,000 pastors following Dr.
Niemöller's example in Prussia to-
day."

"But churches are denied them."
"They have to preach in out-of-the-
way places, always with the fear of
arrest before them."

Dr. Martin Niemöller commanded
U-boat in last war, then became
pastor of Evangelical Church at
Dahlem (Berlin); resisted efforts to
"Nazify" the German Church, and
was sent to Sachsenhausen concen-
tration camp.]

The story of their wedding reads
like a fairy tale—and the Mrs. Ox-
land of to-day is sure it is going to
end just as happily. Miss Noworthy
was a children's nurse employed by
the Hon. Mrs. James, Lord Shuttle-
worth's daughter, to look after her
grandchildren at Fingest Grove, near
High Wycombe, Bucks. And Mrs.
James is really the heroine of this
real-life drama.

She knew that Miss Noworthy
knew that they had said, "If war
comes, let us marry at once, rather
than be parted for years."

But Private Oxland, they thought,
was on his way to France and there
could be no leave for him, even to
get married—and even though a
special licence was ready.

Then at 5.15 one afternoon came
a telephone call.

It was Private Oxland. "Can we
be married to-night? I am twenty
miles away now, but I am starting at
once, and I must leave again at three
o'clock in the morning," he said.

That seemed impossible—the law
says that a wedding must take place
before 6 p.m. Miss Noworthy had
taken the children to tea with friends
who were six miles away.

The household at Fingest leapt
into action.

One relative rushed off to bring
the girl home by car, while Mrs.
James hurried to the village to find
the vicar.

It was a quarter to six when the
bride-to-be breathlessly arrived.

"We Haven't A Ring"

Twelve minutes before the hour,
a car-shackle was dashed up the
drive and out jumped Private
Oxland.

Mrs. James drove their car to
church at breath-taking speed, only
to find the vicar pointing to the
clock.

It was three minutes to six!

"But," they protested, "the clock
is fast!"

They were right, and seconds later
bride and bridegroom stood before
the altar.

Suddenly the bride exclaimed,
"But we haven't got a ring!"

Mrs. James made frantic efforts to
remove her own wedding ring, but
forty years of wearing had fixed it
for ever.

She ran out of the church to the
neighbouring cottage. She put her
head through a window and, to a
bewildered family sitting at tea,
screamed, "Quick—a ring! I can't
get them married without one!"

The ring was found, and Mrs.
James ran up the aisle just in time
to press it into the bridegroom's hand.

French Colonies Rally To Aid Of The Republic

A RECENT broadcast of the French
Minister for Colonies, M. Mandel,
provided an impressive survey of the
support afforded to France by her
colonies.

Neither Algeria, which is under
the Ministry of the Interior, nor the
Protectorates, such as Tunisia and
Morocco, which are under the Minis-
try of Foreign Affairs, were included
in his review.

"Between 1914 and 1918," he said,
"the colonies sent 3,441,000 tons of
goods to the metropolis, the Govern-
ment obtained from the Colonies
1,000,000 tons of cereals, 1,100,000
tons of oleaginous products, 800,000
tons of other food products, a total
far exceeding the whole of what was
furnished during the 50 months of
the last war."

In spite of difficulties of transport,
France has received these materials
in 80 ships of a total of 270,000 tons.

Decree Nisi For Admiral Formerly Served In Singapore

A FORMER Singapore naval
commodore, Rear-Admiral Mar-
shall Llewellyn Clarke was
granted a divorce in London
last month. A former Singa-
pore army officer was cited as
co-respondent.

Rear-Admiral Clarke was granted
a decree nisi with costs on the
ground of the adultery of his wife
with George Macdonald, described as
"a major in the army."

The case was not defended.
Admiral Clarke's case was that his
wife joined him in Singapore, where
Major Macdonald was stationed, in
1936.

She left for England in 1938 and
wrote saying she was in love with
Major Macdonald.
Misconduct was alleged in a Lon-
don flat and at a Knightsbridge hotel.

and the normal exports of the Colo-
nies to foreign countries have also
been maintained.

"When the present Cabinet was
formed, it immediately set about in-
creasing the share of the colonies in
national defence and strengthening
colonial defences by nearly 50 per
cent."

"The result has been that in the
course of a few weeks we have mo-
bilised more soldiers in our overseas
possessions than was done during the
whole of the war of 1914-1918, in
spite of seven successive calls to the
colours."

"On all sides the native population
press to join France. When asked
why they are so anxious to serve
with the colours the natives answer:
"But it is quite natural. France is
good and just... and then Germany
is the enemy of native races."

The native populations are aware
that the German propaganda is found-
ed upon a conception of racial
superiority. The chief of the Reich
himself, in the master-book in which
he formulated his programme, treated
Negroes as half-apes (Hemisapienten),
and accused of "criminal folly" those
Governments of the white races who
had "sinned," he said, "against the
Creator" in according them political
rights.

POST-OFFICE EDUCATION

Orkney children, instead of
going to school, receive their
lessons by post.

They are also the first to receive
with their lessons copies of a cir-
cular on "How the War is Going."

It is designed to keep the children
abreast of the war's developments
and reviews the war at home, at sea
and abroad for the preceding week.

The Orkney Education authority
planned the scheme of lessons by
post rather than involve the cost of
providing air raid shelters in scat-
tered island schools.

Four schools with nearly 150 chil-
dren aged up to 14 are affected.

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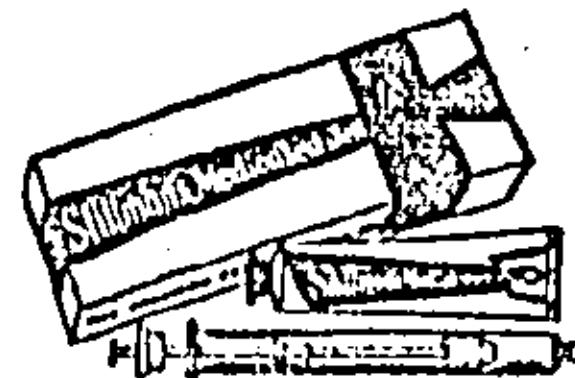
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A Physician discusses Family Food Values

only a little for repairing tissues used up by work.

On the other hand, if hard manual work is a part of the adult's job, he or she needs more fuel food; that is to say, more carbohydrate, than the child.

With a perversity which is typical of the grown-up, it is, as a rule, the man who gets the meat and the child the bread and jam.

Vitamins are essential chemicals which are to be found in most foodstuffs, but some foods are more valuable in this respect than others. It is a job to choose the best if you know little about the subject.

You won't go far wrong if your daily menu contains fresh fruit, eggs, milk and cheese, with, perhaps, a liver dish once a week.

You can fill up the gaps with a daily dose of cod liver oil. This is plentiful now and is packed with vitamins which build up a strong resistance to winter ills and chills.

Can I have some tea in my milk, too?

The right food gives us warmth and energy, as that we can carry on with our work. It builds up the young and repairs the wear and tear of the adult.

The ideal proportions of the three great constituents—protein, carbohydrates and fats, are these—Protein one-sixth, fat one-sixth, carbohydrate two-thirds.

Fats may be increased in cold weather with advantage, at the expense of the carbohydrate intake.

I HAVE FOUND—

THAT each cord will not wear out quickly if rubbed over occasionally with a soft rag dipped in hot linseed oil.

When scrubbing the copper after boiling clothes, add a little acid to the water. This removes soap curd, which is difficult once it becomes hard.

Before using a new casserole or tempered it first by rubbing the inside with a raw onion, then fill with cold water and bring to the boil. Let the water cool in the casserole.

Mineral salts, which are found in most foodstuffs, and water complete the necessary ingredients.

Proteins are the body-building, repairing stuffs and are contained in all meat, fish, eggs and milk. Fats need no explanation; carbohydrates are all the sugars and starches.

You find the latter in cereals, wheat, jam, treacle and so on. They are all reduced to sugar in the process of digestion, and if you have too much of them they form extra fat. That is why people who want to slim cut them down.

Children should have their full share of the body-builders. They need more protein than the adult who has stopped growing and needs

Watch Your Appetite

As regards amount, if your appetite is not over-whetted by a particularly good cook and fare is plain but good, it won't lead you far astray.

It is possible to exist—and exist is the right word—on concentrated foodstuffs of the right kind and amount, but there is much to be said for the good old "slow-cook" if it happens no more than once a day.

A feeling of repulsion after a good meal is a mental tonic, and we all need some sort of boost these dark days.

But don't forget that eating too well can become a habit, and not a good habit at that.

SHORT CUTS

To clean old brass use salt moistened with vinegar.

Patty shells for chicken à la king or creamed vegetables may be made from stale bread. Cut out cup-shaped molds; paint with melted butter, using a pastry brush; brown under flame in a hot oven and serve at once.

Beetroot Chutney

AN economical and appetising chutney to serve with cold meat.

Ingredients: 3lb. beetroot, 1½lb. apples, 2 large onions, ½lb. sugar, ½ teaspoon ground ginger, juice of 1 lemon, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 pint vinegar.

Boil beetroot in salted water for 1½ hours, then skin and cut into cubes. Chop apples and boil for 20 minutes in vinegar to which sugar, lemon juice, salt, ginger and chopped onions have been added.

Add beetroot and boil for further 15 minutes. When the chutney is cool, bottle and tie down.

Cheese Replaces Meat

By JUDITH WILSON

CHEESE is high in nutritive value and an excellent and inexpensive substitute for meat. One pound of cheese is said to contain as much fuel value as two pounds of meat. Cheese may be added to white sauce and served with boiled rice or boiled vegetables or plain on toast. It may be combined with

Angora For Your Knitwear

If you are making any knitwear garments for yourself, or for presents, you should use angora wool, for this is to be the wool of the moment this season.

Not only are jumpers made of this delightful material, but it is also being used for dressing-jackets, bed wraps, and hood and scarf sets by many professional knitters.

Even gloves and ankle socks are being knitted in angora. In two and sometimes three colours. A good idea is to knit a complete set consisting of jumper, scarf, hood, gloves, and socks in three shades, using one as the basic shade and working in the others in stripes round the bottom of the jumper, the ends of the scarf, the cuffs of the gloves, and the turn-down of the socks.

Some people avoid using angora as they are uncertain how it washes. There is no need to worry about this point, however, for it will wash quite successfully if you use the same precautions as you would for washing other wools.

Use a lukewarm lather made of a good brand of soap flakes, and be very careful with the rinsing, using three clear rinsing waters at least, more if the third still shows traces of soapiness after use.

Do not hang jumpers, dressing-jackets, or similar garments until they are almost dry, and then hang them up on a coat-hanger. Gloves should be put on wire glove dryers and hung up, and socks should be hung by the toe, leg downwards.

Do not put any wool articles too near artificial heat to dry or they will tend to harden. Hang them in the sun when possible, and when dry shake them until the fluffiness comes back to the wool. A good angora should not require brushing up.

left-over cereal, and shaped into cakes and baked in the oven or browned in a little fat in a pan. A meatless loaf made with rice and cottage cheese is a tasty and satisfying main dish for supper or luncheon.

MEATLESS LOAF

1 cup cooked rice
1 egg
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup crushed peanuts
1 tablespoon butter or other fat
¼ teaspoon pepper
Combine all ingredients and bake in a greased loaf pan in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes. Serves 6.

CHEESE AND POTATO CROQUETTES

1 cup cottage cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 rounded teaspoon chopped green pepper
¼ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne
Dash of paprika
Combine ingredients in the order named and mix very thoroughly. Form into small rolls. Press each roll in mashed potatoes which have been seasoned with salt and pepper, forming a larger roll of each. Roll the finished croquettes in egg and bread crumbs and fry in a pan containing about 1 tablespoon of hot fat, or brush with melted fat and brown in a hot oven.

CHEESE FONDUE

½ cup milk
½ cups bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cups grated American cheese
Scald milk in double boiler. Add crumbs, butter, well-beaten eggs, salt and pepper. Cook over hot water 5 minutes. Add cheese and cook slowly until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Serve garnished with toast points.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1 cup macaroni
1½ cups white sauce
½ cup chopped or grated American cheese
Buttered crumbs
Break macaroni into pieces 1 inch long, boil, strain and rinse. Put cheese into hot, well-seasoned white sauce and put macaroni and sauce in buttered baking dish in layers. Sprinkle buttered crumbs on top and brown well in a hot oven (400 degrees F.).

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You've Got To Earn Streamlined Figure

By JACQUELINE HUNT

Every woman would probably have insured perfection of line on the screen if she could get it in her publicity pictures.

It is possible, however, to get it in real life. Let her tell you what type of miraculous system of getting it painless, let her tell you what type of want a lovely body, you've got to different types for different costumes and activities. You should have at least one for dress wear and another for wearing when you work around the house, or take part in your favourite indoor sport.

By now, I hope you have launched yourself on a reducing routine. You are following an intelligent diet that is high in vitamins and low in calories; you are taking simple but effective exercises for slimming and firming your bust, your waistline, your hips, thighs and arms; you are seeing that your face gets plenty of softening creams and massage to keep its tissues firm and skin moist and supple. Your shoulders and breasts should be comfortably back and its work, of course, but I hope you are enjoying every minute of it, spurred on by the thought that you are making yourself more attractive in the eye of our husband or fiancé and that your women friends will be envious of your youthful appearance.

Don't For Beauty

Here is a list of don'ts for you, if you are overweight and wish to reduce as beautifully as possible:

Don't indulge in between-meal snacks or rich desserts.

Don't wear shorts, or even—shortish skirts.

Don't wear high heels, hoping they'll make you look less dumpy.

Don't wear thin hals or swim suits with halter tops.

Don't wear bright colours or dress with horizontal lines.

Don't wear brassieres that flatten you.

Don't wear long-haired furs.

Don't choose a long-haired coiffure for yourself.

Don't use too much make-up especially rouge.

Don't rush so that you are always puffing and wheezing.

Take your time. Even exercises should be done moderately—at first. And you should relax when you have completed your routine.

Flattering Clothes

But this isn't all you need to have a beautiful figure. You need clothes that are smartly cut along lines that are most flattering and most likely to conceal your figure faults—for you do not get results all at once, you know. It may take several months or even a year to accomplish the sybil-like figure you covet.

In the meantime, you need the extra help that a properly designed girdle can give you. A foundation, girdle, all-in-one or pantie will give you better than average lines while you are working and waiting for final results. It will mold away those unsightly bulges about your hips, put fleshly upper thighs in their places, smooth away that lingering trace of a spare tyre about your middle.

Be comforted by the thought that even that slim little movie star you envy has to wear a "foundation" to



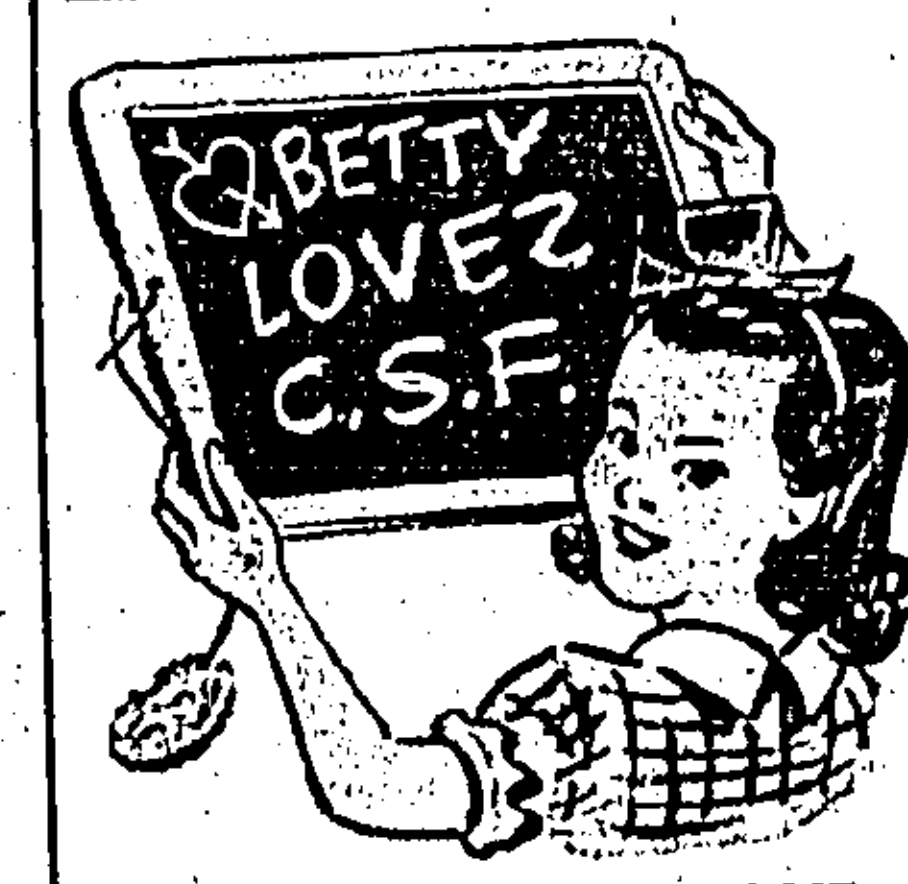
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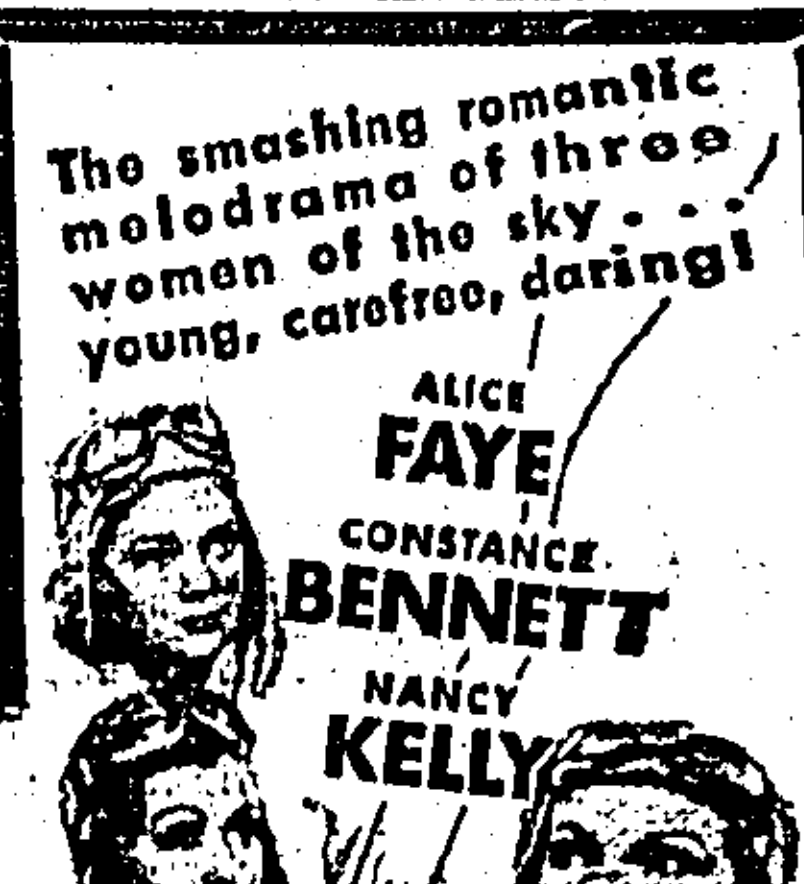
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

NINOTCHKA

Three members of the Russian Board of Trade come to Paris to sell the court jewels of the exiled former Grand Duchess Swana. Wanting, for once, to taste magnificence, they engage the Royal Suite in the Hotel Clarence, and telephone the jeweller, Mercier. A waiter at the hotel, the former Count Alexis Rakonin, overhears the telephone conversation and hastens to the Duchess Swana with the news that her jewels are in Paris to be sold. Count Leon d'Algot, her lover, overhears the mention of jewels.

"RAKONIN, bless him, has given me the most amazing news! I must call my lawyer at once."

"I am sorry, but I have to leave," said Rakonin.

"Thank you so much, my friend. I will get in touch with you."

Duchess Swana put in her call while the maid was showing Rakonin out. Count d'Algot, highly interested, listened to Swana's conversation with her lawyer.

"Oh, Monsieur Cornillon, the most incredible thing has happened. My jewels are here in Paris. Three Bolshevik swines are trying to sell them! We must act at once! Call the police—have them arrested! Well, then get an injunction."

But they are my jewels! There must be some way of getting them back! But how can there be a question? Are you my lawyer or theirs? All right, I'll let you know."

"What did he say?" asked Leon.

"Pretty hopeless, but there may be a chance. The French Government has recognized Soviet Russia and he doubts that it will risk a war for my poor sake. He might make some sort of a case, but it will cost money, money, money! That's all they are interested in, those lawyers!"

"Darling, calm down," said Leon, taking her in his arms. "Why do you need a lawyer? Haven't you your little Volga boatman?"

She looked up at him, hope dawning, and gave him a grateful kiss.

MERCIER, the jeweller, removed the eyepiece through which he had been examining the Duchess Swana's jewels which the three Soviet agents had spread out on a table in the Royal Suite.

"Very good . . . excellent . . . superb. It would be foolish to belittle the quality of the gems, but your terms are impossible. My counter offer is the absolute maximum."

"But, Monsieur," objected Kopalski, "the jewels—"

"Gentlemen, I'll let you in on a little secret—we are undertaking this deal only for the prestige involved, and, quite frankly, we expect to take a loss."

Iranoff drew Buljanoff to one side, whispering: "Capitalistic methods!"

"They accumulate millions by taking loss after loss." Kopalski left the jeweller to answer the telephone. "Yes? Count d'Algot? No, no, it must be a mistake. We can't be disturbed?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbicus Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

"I assure you," continued the jeweller, "no one else could meet the figure named by my syndicate under present economic conditions."

"We can wait," said Kopalski. "Let's put our cards face down, gentlemen. You need money and you need it quickly. Right now there is a Russian commission in New York trying to sell fifteen Rembrandts; another in London mortgaging the oil fields in Baku. Now, my offer is fair and does not even take advantage of your situation."

THE Russian agents again withdrew for a whispered consultation.

"He's cutting our throats, but we have to accept," said Iranoff.

"But don't let's give in so quickly," objected Kopalski. "We have to uphold the prestige of Russia."

"All right," said Buljanoff. "Let's uphold it for another ten minutes." As they returned to the jeweller, there was a knock on the door. Iranoff unlocked it. Count Leon d'Algot introduced himself.

"We don't want to be disturbed. Return later if you want to see us."

"I want a word with Monsieur Mercier," Leon pushed past Iranoff despite the latter's remonstrances and approached the jeweller. "Monsieur Mercier, I am Count Leon d'Algot. I think I had the pleasure of meeting you in your beautiful shop. I was admiring a platinum watch with diamond numbers."

"Oh, yes. Yes, I recall."

"I hope you haven't closed the deal for these jewels. It might bring you into serious difficulties."

"Who are you? What do you want?" asked the Soviet agents, getting between Leon and the jeweller spread out on the table. "These jewels are the property of the Duchess Swana of Russia, and were seized illegally by the Soviet Government."

"I thought it my business to warn you," am acting for Her Highness, the Duchess. Here is my power of attorney."

AS Mercier read the document, Kopalski interjected: "These may have been the property of the Duchess Swana, but, like all private property, they were confiscated by the State."

"We'll leave the problem of their ownership to the French courts," returned Leon. "Meanwhile, I have filed for an injunction to prohibit you from either selling or removing the jewels. Here is a copy." The Russian agents read the injunction, flabbergasted, and Leon turned to the jeweller. "I thought it my duty to warn you, Monsieur Mercier. I would hate to see you get into trouble."

"Thank you," said the jeweller, and addressed the Soviet agents: "This introduces a new element into our negotiations. Until this claim is completely settled, we can do nothing. Understand, my offer stands as soon as you produce a clear title, approved by the French courts. Until then, good day."

"I hope you will forgive me," said Leon as the jeweller made for the door.

"On the contrary, I consider myself very lucky. Good day," Leon went back to the discomfited Russians. "Well, gentlemen, how about a little lunch?"

"Get out of here!" commanded Iranoff.

"Don't look so gloomy, gentlemen. All is not lost. You may have a chance—a very slim one. I want to be fair. You might make out something of a case."

"We haven't anything to discuss with you," Kopalski broke out angrily. "We'll talk to a lawyer! To our Ambassador!"

"All right, go ahead. You talk to a lawyer, and I'll talk to the judge!"

"That won't help you. You can't intimidate us. Soviet Russia will put all its might behind this case."

"I warn you, gentlemen, if this case comes to trial it will be before a French court, and when a woman so charming, beautiful and exquisite as the Duchess Swana takes the stand—"

"All right, get her on the witness stand. What can she say?"

"How will she look? The fashion this spring is very becoming to her. The judge will read the wire."

be French, the jurors will be French, everybody in that court room will be French. And when a beautiful woman sits on the witness stand in a French court and lifts her skirt a little—"

"I suppose you expect us to hand over the jewels?" said Iranoff.

"Oh, no, I am not a highwayman. All I'm trying to do is to make things as difficult for you as possible."

"We are not giving in an inch," said Kopalski, "but tell us what is in your mind."

"All right, but let's have a little lunch." Leon went to the telephone and called for room service.

FOR the next hour champagne flowed freely in the Royal Suite of the Hotel Clarence. Lovely cigarette girls were most ingratiating while the Soviet agents were in an admiring and generous mood. It became a loud and hilarious but harmless party. Leon quickly became Leonitchka to the Soviet agents and they were Sascha, Serge and Mischa to him. He sat at a desk, apart from the hubbub, a telegraph blank in front of him. At his call the befuddled agents gathered about him.

"Why should you bother about this telegram to Moscow? I'll write it for you."

"Leon—Leonitchka, why are you so good to us?" said Buljanoff, kissing his cheek.

"Oh, Leon, you are so good," said Kopalski, embracing him.

"What's the name of that Commissar on the Board of Trade?"

"Razin," said Kopalski. "You wouldn't like Razin."

"He's a bad man," said Buljanoff. "Send people to Siberia."

"We don't like Razin. But we like you, Leon," said Iranoff. "Don't we like Leon?"

THE question brought on renewed demonstrations of drunken Russian affection, and Leon pushed them away and began to write on the telegraph blank.

"There, how does this strike you?" He read the wire:

"Commissar Razin, Board of Trade, Moscow. Unexpected situation here. Duchess Swana in Paris claims jewels and has already brought injunction against sale or removal. After long and careful study we suggest in the interest of our beloved country a fifty-fifty settlement as best solution. Iranoff, Buljanoff, and Kopalski."

"If we say that, Leon, we'll be sent to Siberia!" said Kopalski.

But Rakonin, the waiter, entered with more champagne, and while the agents were busy with that and the cigarette girls, Leon gave the telegram to Rakonin with instructions to send it.

TO-MORROW THE ENVOY

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Recordings to-day do not display a great amount of activity they have however been marked by an impressive rise in Douglasses. After remaining nominal for a long while, they have come into prominence. Emerging from total neglect an enquiry set in, without attracting shares, and it was not until to-day, when the rate was advanced to \$100 bid, that any passing of shares took place. At the close the demand was still unsatisfied.

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Sales
Douglasses \$100
Docks \$20 1/2
Providents \$4.40
Hotels \$5.10
Telephones (Old) \$24 1/2
Cements \$18 1/2

PETS SCARCE

Owing to the "panic destruction" of thousands of pets when war broke out last September there is a shortage in London of kittens and puppies. As a result, people who evacuated find on returning, that mice or rats are over-running their homes. More than 80,000 dogs and cats were destroyed and buried by the F.D.S. last September, but now officials are receiving countless requests for new pets.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan—"Trial by Jury" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The Bohemians—Swing Me Up Higher—A Fair Ground Fantasy, A Day in Tyrol, My Dream—Waltz Moss Rose—Waltz, with Vocal Effects.

1.15 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Variety—Three Little Fishies, Strawberry Fair, The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar), Neapolitan Serenade, The Butterfly, Alfredo Campoli and His Solon Orch.; Sail Along, Silvery Moon, Summer Sweetheart, Vera Lynn with Instrumental Accompany; An Apple For The Teacher, Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell, Still The Buckinghams, Bing Crosby with Orchestra; The Little Dog Laughed—Selection, Primo Sola's Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain by Jack Cooper.

2.15 Close down.

3.0 Compositions of Schubert—Moments Musicaux, Op. 24, Ethel Legnani (Piano) The Young Nun, The Trout, Hedge-Rose, Sophie Braslau (Contralto) with Piano; Marche Militaire, Boston Promenade Orchestra; Hark! Hark! The Lark, Who Is Sylvia? Master E. Lough (Boy Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Thelma Ball.

6.42 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.44 The D.B.C. Military Band—Slavonic Rhapsody, and Hungarian Dance.

6.57 Vocal and Orchestral Selections from Light Opera.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos by Joseph Szigeti—Rondo, Scherzo Valse, with

Piano accompaniment by Nikita de Magaloff. 8.12 Dizi—Ballet Suite—Jean D'Esfants, Op. 22—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.30 Studio—Concert by William Lewis (Baritone) and Ruth Lewis (Piano). Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes, Without a Song, Grandfather's Clock . . . William Lewis (Baritone) accompaniment by Ruth Lewis (Piano); Cradle Song . . . Ruth Lewis at the Piano; Believe Me it all those Endearing Young Charms, All Through The Night . . . William Lewis (Baritone) accompaniment by Ruth Lewis (Piano).

8.50 Marek Weber and His Orch. 9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 A Review of Reviews by Debnor Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

10.02 Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"Unkridge," by P. G. Woodhouse.

11.0 Close down.



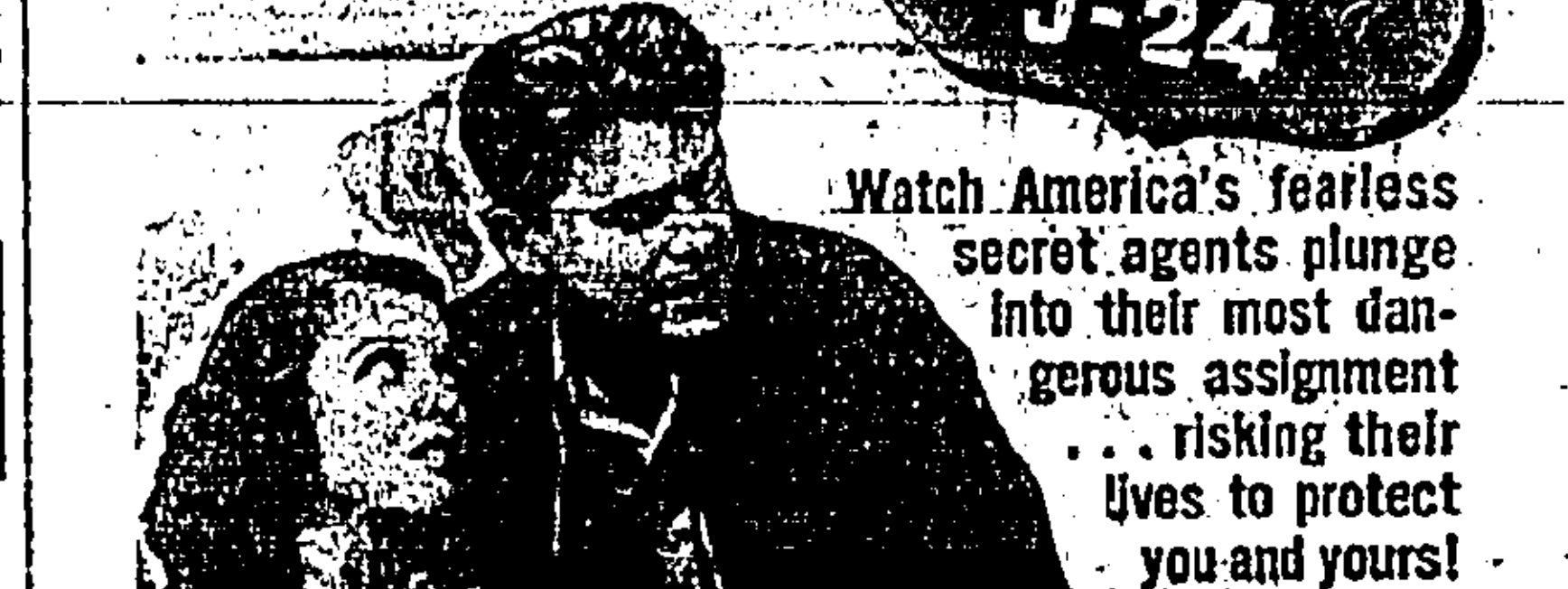
Deanna Durbin with Kathleen Howard in a scene from Universal's "First Love," now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

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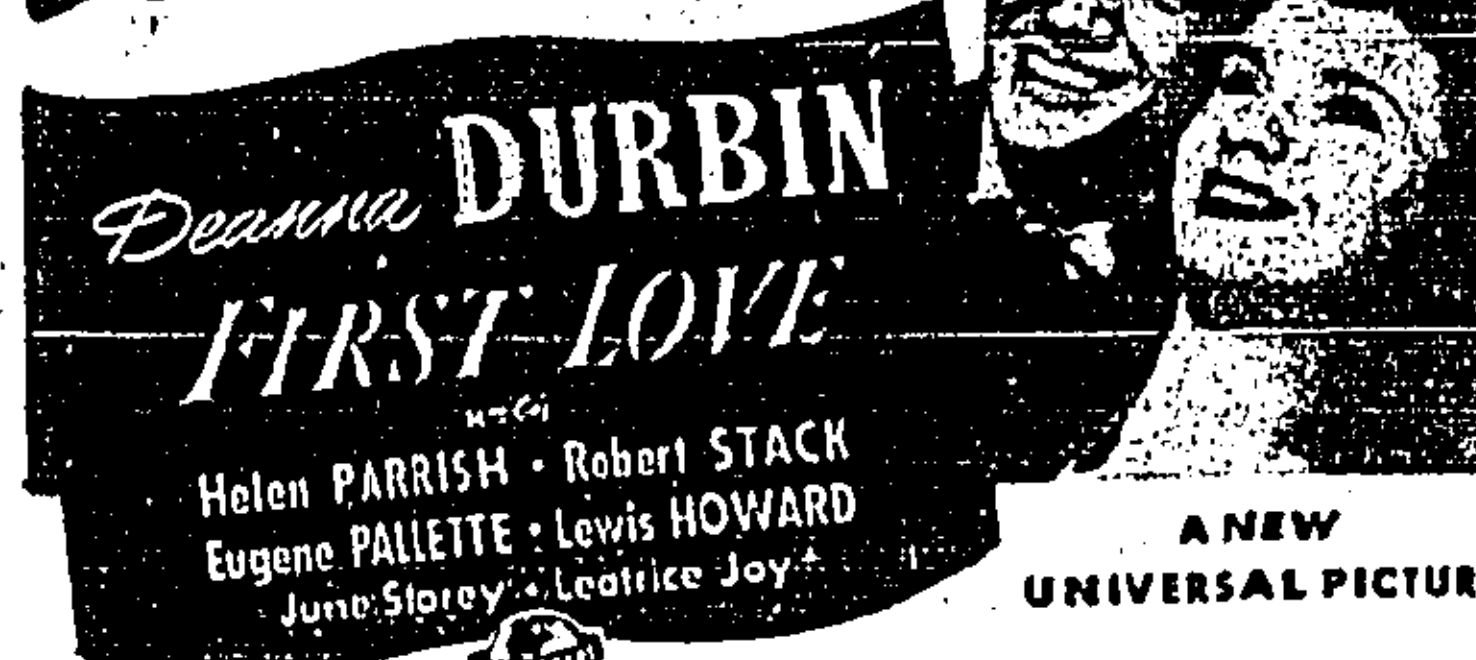
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THE "Blockade"—an every-body calls it, though legally and technically it is not "blockade" at all but "contraband control"—is proving more effective than was expected.

Germany has indeed plenty of foodstuffs—a point worth the attention of those who talk about "making war by starving women and children."

But she already begins to feel the effect of serious shortage of oil and fats, of rubber, of tin and other metals of vital importance to her war economy.

It is not so much that our sea control has been so efficient. That was expected.

But at the beginning there was confidence in Germany, anxiety here, that, especially after the Russian

switch-over, plentiful supplies would reach the Reich through the wide-open "back-doors" of her land frontiers.

Even though sea-borne supplies were cut to minimum, she would (it was thought) be able to tap large areas for raw materials that would reach her entirely overland.

But it is not working out that way. Germany's own economic past is turning against her.

If she is to get supplies she must get them for cash, for credit, or for goods. Her reserves of cash and foreign currency were small.

Her credit was already bad when the war began. She was in debt to practically every nation with which she had clearing arrangements.

Nobody is anxious to increase those debts.

Russia might give her credits, but seems little inclined to. The same applies to Italy. Most of the smaller nations could hardly do so if they would.

A great effort has been made to sell German goods in neutral countries. But it has had limited success.

The markets had been flooded long since. The dumping of stocks at knockout prices was a passing phase. It is getting harder and harder for war-pressed Germany to deliver the goods. Already contracts are being cancelled because they cannot be fulfilled.

Transport Hitch

Another problem is transport. It is all very well to talk lightly of getting Russian and Rumanian oil. But the oil which used to come from the Black Sea in tankers to Hamburg must now come by rail and river—which is costly and not easy.

Soya beans, which used to come from Manchuria by sea, now have to come right across Siberia. That is prohibitive for Russia, but expensive for Germany; and it takes very many freight cars to carry a single shipload.

Russia — largely for transport reasons — has been so far a big disappointment to German hopes. So, indeed, have been most of the other countries on which those hopes were built.

The stuff may be there; but it is difficult to find the means of buying and bringing it. "Cash and carry" are the twin difficulties of the German blockade fighters.

Big Employers V. Nazi Bolsheviki

AMSTERDAM.

THE conflict between the big German industrialists and the Nazi Party is coming more and more into the open.

Evidence of it is now forthcoming in the financial columns of newspapers controlled by the big industrialists and the export industries.

Criticism is expressed of the Nazi Government's "Bolshevik" tendencies. The "Frankfurter Zeitung" claims that capital must secure a decent rate of interest even in war time.

Shareholders well understand that the war makes special claims on industry.

But this does not mean, it says, that they should be victimised.

As a counterblast to this criticism, the Nazi Party is holding a great campaign of factory meetings.

Dr. Goebbels and Dr. Ley, head of the Nazi "Labour Front," are continually touring the industrial areas.

And the tone of the gatherings lends some point to the industrialists' scream of "Bolshevism."

For it is more and more awakening memories of 1918, when workers' and soldiers' councils sprang up all over Germany.

HOLY LAND HARMONY

Unite Against The Common Enemy

JERUSALEM, Dec. (UP).—The war may bring something like harmony to the Holy Land after three years of strife between Arabs and Jews.

Both Arab and Jewish leaders have assured the Palestine Government of their support and observers believe that a truce between the two factions may be attained for the duration of the war.

The war has led to a closing of the ranks of Jewish factions under the Vard Leumi, the Jewish National Council, now headed by Pinhas Rutenberg, who has no party affiliations and commands the respect and confidence of all groups.

Trend To Unity

Necessity has partly dictated the trend toward unity. Palestine Jews have always been large-scale importers chiefly of finished products. During the last few years attempts have been made to establish industries, but most of these were dependent upon semi-manufactured imports.

Likewise large quantities of foodstuffs were imported because heretofore the Jewish settlements have been able to supply only a part of the needs of the local Jewish market.

War has radically affected the supply of imports. Also there is reason to expect a heavy decline in income from the Zionist Funds, one of the most important sources of revenue for the country.

The tourist industry is at a standstill. The American Express office in Jerusalem has been closed. It was the only branch in Palestine and Syria. Other travel agents and tourist companies are transferring to large shipping agencies. The Fast Hotel, formerly the Allenby, has closed.

Grave Situation

Palestine orange growers face a particularly grave situation. Most of their European markets are now closed, including Britain, their chief customer. It is doubted that there will be sufficient shipping to transport the crop.

It is expected that only about half of last year's crop will be shipped. Certain quarters believe that many groves will not be harvested at all this year. At the same time there is a growing demand for increasing the manufacture and use of citrus by-products.

Committees, companies, societies and co-operatives are being established in an effort to ensure sufficient supplies, primarily of foodstuffs and finally of raw and semi-manufactured materials.

On the political side a new body has been formed to promote Arab-Jewish understanding.

Dress Made Of Pigskin

MT. CARMEL, (UP). — Mrs. Elizabeth Fleming, owns a pigskin dress, sent her by a son, Lawrence, who is stationed with the U.S. Army at Cebu, Hawaii.

The dress is light blue, trimmed in navy, and was obtained from a Portuguese family in Cebu.

LATE NEWS

JUPITER HAS NEW MOON

Latest Discoveries In World Of Space

PASADENA, Calif.—What's new far out in space?

Well, Dr. Walter S. Adams, Director of the Carnegie Institution's Mount Wilson Observatory, lists the following, among other things, in his annual report released to-day:

Discovery of "remarkably low candle power stars," one or two of which give out as little as one fifty-thousandth as much light as the sun.

Discovery of two new moons for Jupiter.

Calculation that the sun and its planets, including the earth, are hurtling through space at a rate of 180 miles a second.

Conclusions that the surface of the moon "cannot be exposed solid rock, but must be porous like pumice or light dust, which quickly loses the heat it receives from the sun."

"The quantity of light sent forth by the sun is roughly midway between the low candle power and the most luminous stars," said Dr. Adams. But the sun's light does not compare with that of supernovae, exploding stars.

The two satellites or moons discovered by Dr. Seth B. Nicholson bring the total number of this complicated system to 11.

"Satellites X and XI are extremely small bodies," commented Dr. Adams, "among the smallest known within the solar system, with diameters calculated at 15 and 19 miles, respectively. Whether they once formed a part of Jupiter or were captured by the great planet is a problem of exceptional interest."

SCHOOL PRIZE DAY

Mr. F. J. de Rome will present the scholarships and prizes on Friday at Queen's College at 11 a.m.

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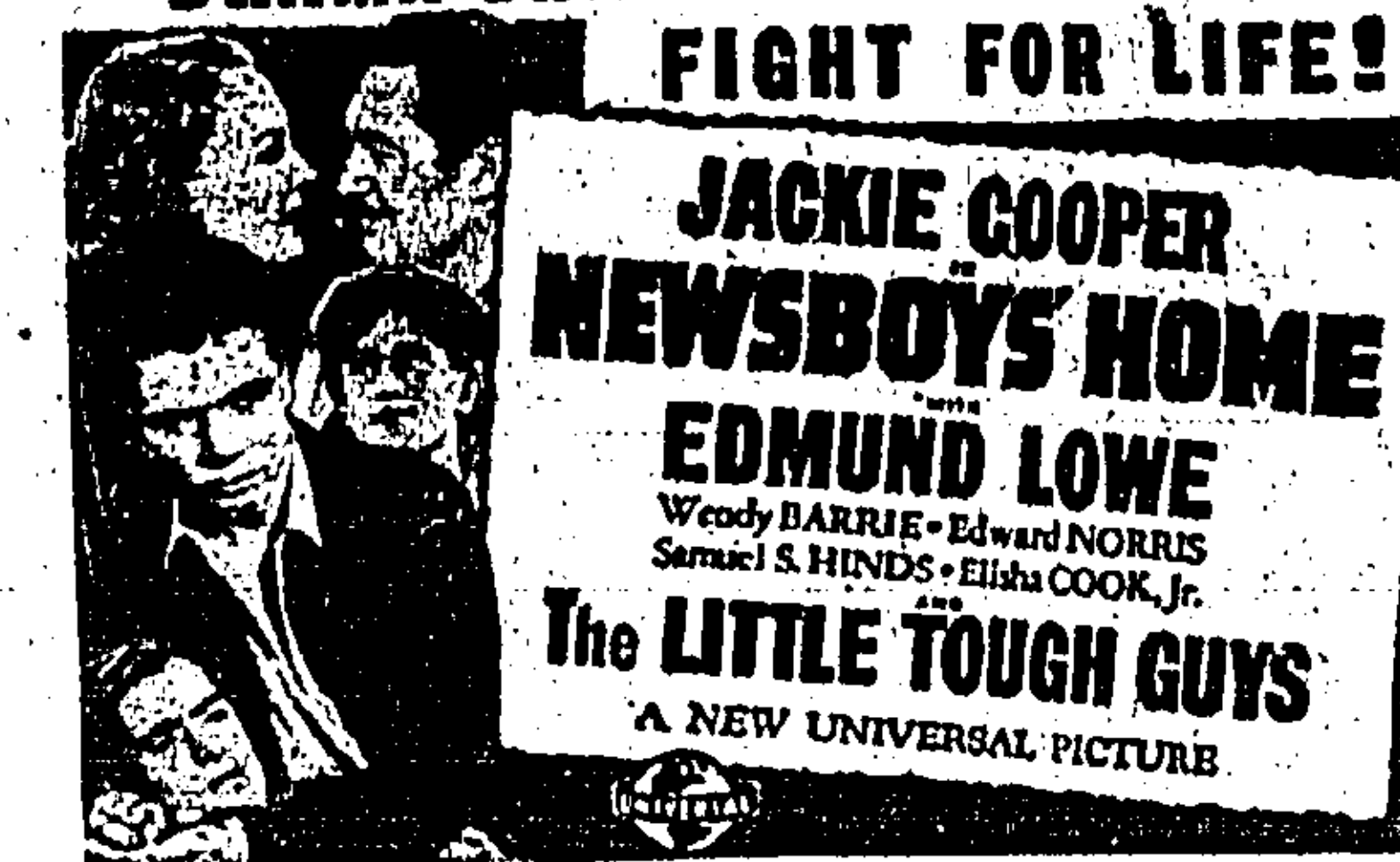
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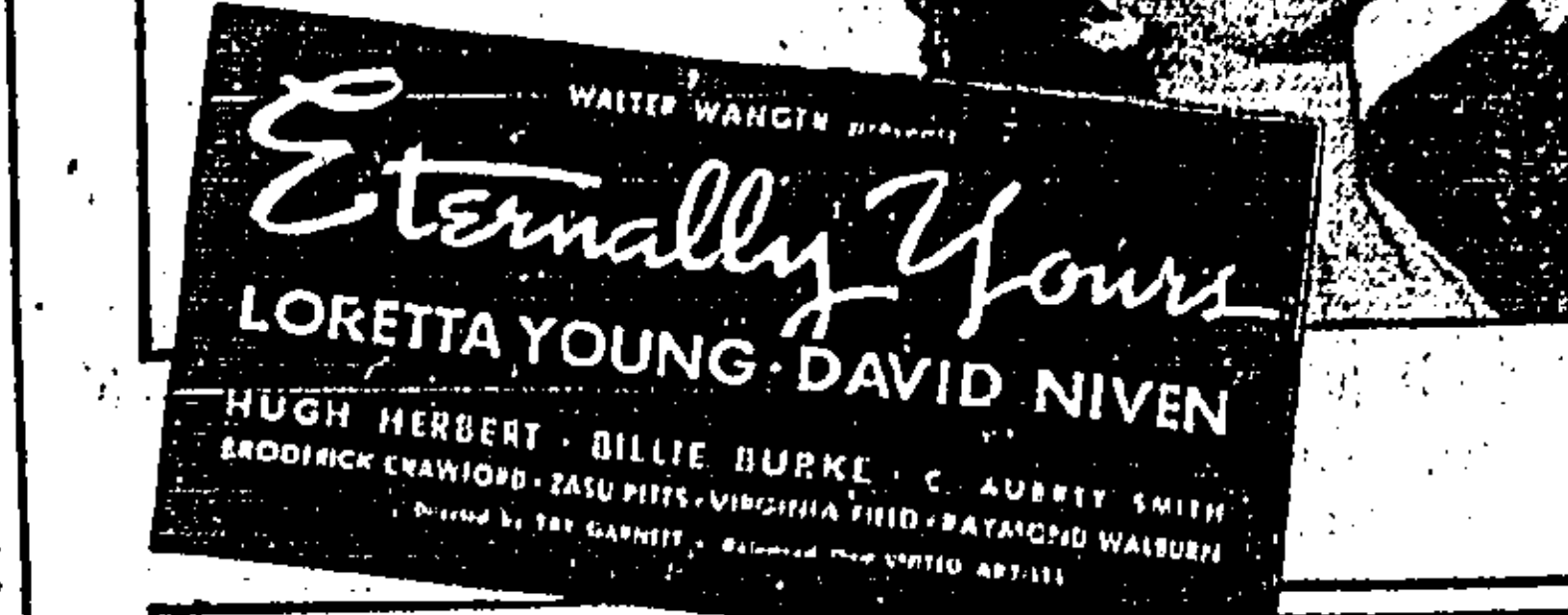
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Beef, Pork Scarce

The recent increase in the price of beef and pork are due to increased difficulties in securing stocks. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Food Controller, explained yesterday.

Mr. Carrie said one of the Colony's main sources of supply were sent to Kwangchowwn and thence to Hongkong. Recently supplies along this route had been greatly curtailed, due to various reasons, not the least of which was the difficulty of exchange between the Chinese and Hongkong dollars.

Mr. Carrie explained, however, that there was no fear of a drastic shortage of meat as new sources of supply were being found. Already, it was explained, stocks were being shipped to come in from Thailand, which was one of the main sources of supply to the Malay Peninsula.

As regards meat, Mr. Carrie said that the Government had this morning issued a notice that all meat contained in the Colony and all meat mostly of the frozen variety, which was not readily available, should be sold at the same price as the fresh meat.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Royal Scots Soldier Killed In Crash

A fatal accident occurred at the 18 mile post on the Castle Peak Road yesterday when a small armoured lorry, belonging to the War Department, ran off the road and landed in a paddi field.

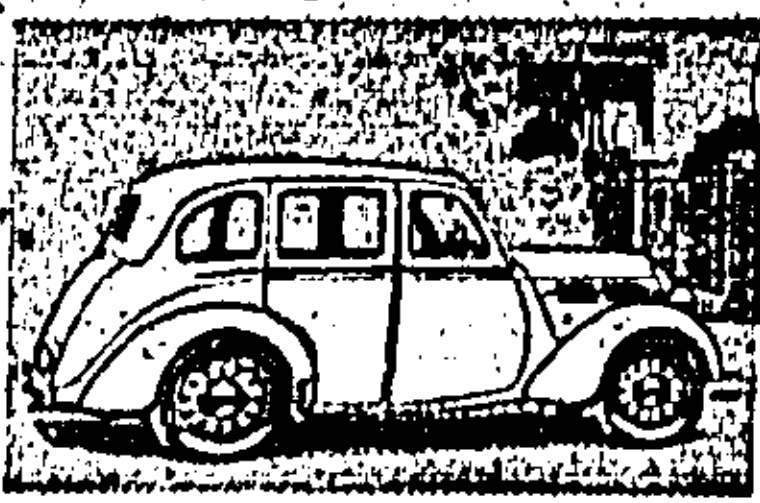
The driver, a soldier of the Royal Scots whose name has not been divulged, was killed, but two other occupants of the lorry escaped unhurt.

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NAZIS INTENSIFY RAIDS

R.A.F. Planes Repel Invaders: Ten Merchantmen Attacked: Warnings Last 3 Hours

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—To-day brought intensified Nazi air raids along the entire east coast of England and Scotland.

The Shetland Islands were bombed without, apparently, any result.

R.A.F. coastal patrols had their busiest day of the war repelling the invaders.

British merchantmen were attacked in force, no less than ten ships being bombed.

The raids on England and Scotland were responsible for a series of air raid alarms which spread far inland, sending people in several counties to their shelters and dugouts.

The attacks on British ships were general along 400 miles of coast, extending from the River Tay in the north to the Kentish coast in the south.

AIM ERRATIC

But the Nazi aim was erratic. Seven bombs were aimed at the 4,966-ton steamer Llanwrnwydd, but only one hit being scored. The bombs landed all around the vessel, sending great eruptions of water into the air as they exploded.

The Monarch Steamship Company's 5,651-ton liner, the Imperial Monarch, was saved when R.A.F. planes came to its rescue as it was being bombed by Heinkels off the Scottish coast. The Nazi bombers fled as soon as the speedy R.A.F. Spitfires appeared on the scene.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action along a wide stretch of the English and Scottish coasts.

Guns barked for 40 minutes in the Shetland Islands, where the raiders were finally dispersed with the arrival of R.A.F. pursuit planes. Several planes made individual flights past the coast in the north-east area, where they were finally repelled by A.A. fire and R.A.F. counter-attacks.

Air raid alarms in England and Scotland lasted from 9 a.m. to noon. Attacks on shipping were particularly noticeable off the Yorkshire coast, and A.A. guns were active over a wide area, including the Tyne.

18 Planes In Raid
Observers indicate that 18 German bombers participated in the raids on this area.
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Captain Fought Nazis With Repeating Rifle

LONDON, Jan. (Reuter).—A remarkable story of the heroism of Captain Prince, Master of the 4,900-ton Pool Shipping company's freighter Otterpool was revealed to-day in connection with the intensified Nazi raids on British shipping.

The Otterpool was off the Angus coast when it was attacked by several Heinkel bombers.

The freighter, like other ocean-going British ships, was armed with anti-submarine and anti-aircraft guns, and immediately the Nazi bombers were sighted the gun crew ran to their stations.

But one of the Heinkels, swooping down on the ship, sprayed the gunners with machine-gun fire, seriously wounding them.

Captain Prince ran into his cabin and re-appeared with a repeating rifle.

As the Heinkels swooped time and again on the ship, Captain



WAR IN SNOW

BITTER weather conditions are reported all over the world, and the war has ceased in many parts of China owing to heavy snow falls and blizzards. This photograph was taken on the Hangchow front.—Domei.

Japanese Start Anti-U.S. "Hate"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PEIPING, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Japanese-controlled Press in North China, which for months has been turning its big guns on Britain, is swinging into a bitter attack on the United States.

The official "Hsin Min Pao" to-day described America as the "imperialistic obstructor of the New Order in East Asia."

"Since the outbreak of hostilities in China, the United States and Britain have urged Chungking to fight Japan."

"They have given China munitions and money and are now helping the Chinese guerrillas."

The Japanese-controlled newspaper urged the expropriation of "illegally gained" foreign property, especially British property.

"We are the owners of Asia," it declared. "Since the beginning of the Twentieth Century the mainland has been subjected to aggression by the United States, Britain, France and the Soviet—all sponsored by Jews."

"These Powers regard the mainland as a colony, the people as slaves and the resources as foreign property."

He said that the American policy implied the frustration of the Japanese.

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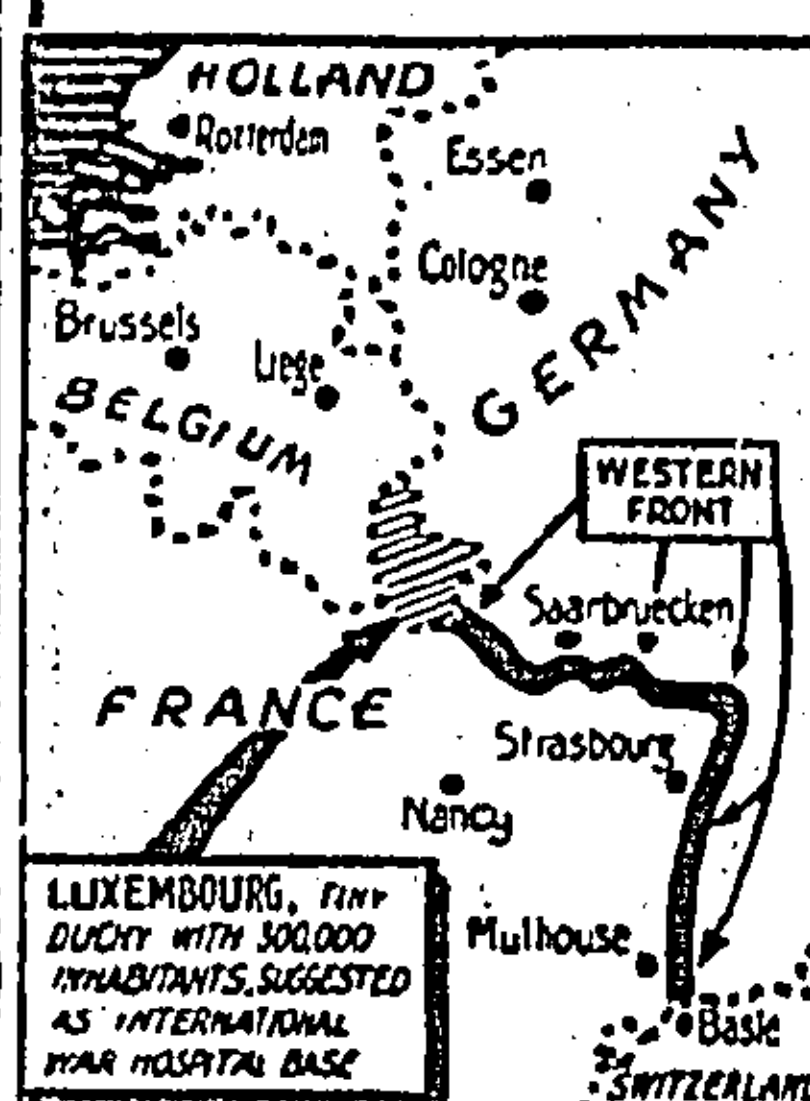
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Deliberate Raid On Red Cross

By WEBB MILLER
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE FINNISH ARMY ON
THE KARELIAN Isthmus, Jan. 29 (UP).—Russian bombing planes to-day scored a direct hit on a Red Cross military hospital where 19 wounded soldiers and four women were killed.

Of the thirty people in the hospital only seven were saved. The dead were incinerated in the hospital, which was enveloped in flames as soon as the bombs struck.

Although the hospital prominently displayed the Red Cross and dropped a bomb through the centre of the building.

I reached the scene shortly after the bombing. The building, which was about 200 feet long, was burning like a blazing furnace, lighting up the whole countryside. Splashes of blood flecked the snow.

All efforts to retrieve the bodies of those entrapped failed. The hospital stood on the outskirts of a small village near the front.

There were no military objectives anywhere near and the village was nothing but a tiny hamlet.

The force of the explosion blew debris for hundreds of yards. This is the sixth hospital the Russian bombers have struck and the Finns say there is no doubt but that the attacks have been deliberate.

Capital Warned
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (UP).—The air raid alarm was sounded at 9.55 a.m. and the all clear at 10.50 a.m.

Abo's Worst Raid
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—About 50 were killed and 200 injured in an air raid on Abo to-day.

About 20 were killed and 50 wounded in a series of air raids on Abo, and dozens of houses were destroyed.

Fifty Soviet bombers silently swept down on the city with their engines cut out.

The raid, which was the worst Abo has yet suffered, was the worst since the British press attache from Helsinki and the British vice-consul, Mr. Silander, were among those caught in a series of alarms lasting from 9.45 a.m. until nearly 4 o'clock.

Neither was injured. Abo has now been bombed 35 times during the past eight weeks.

GERMANS PAY Millions A Year FOR THE NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The upkeep of the Nazi Party organisation has cost the German people about \$940,000,000 a year, according to the "Petit Parisien."

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HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russian offensive is fizzling out after eight days of fighting.

The Finnish communiqué on Sunday night stated that the attacks were growing weaker and that the offensive was expected to fall soon.

The Soviets, it is thought, had to continue their attacks for so many days because of this offensive fails, the Russians may have to postpone any further attempts until early March at least.

The B.B.C. observer on the northern front reports that the Soviets are disheartened with the results obtained by their troops there and that they are sending a fresh division to the area.

When this arrives, there will be 50,000 Soviet troops in this area also. Swedish volunteers are now giving active support on the northern front, enabling the Finns to get a few days' much needed rest.

Finnish and Swedish ski patrols are still hampering the Russian supply lines. Soviet attempts at ski patrols so far have not been very successful.

Many patrols were taken by surprise. One Finnish patrol found a Soviet patrol huddled round a campfire which was made of the patrol's own skins.

Stalin Changes Plans
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Reports reaching Stockholm from Tallinn state that M. Stalin and his chiefs have now changed their plans about what they are going to do with Finland when they have conquered it (they hope).

Originally the idea loudly trumpeted from Moscow at the time was to make a vassal state out of the puppet government which was carrying on in dim obscurity in Terijoki.

Now, according to the Tallinn report, the Russians plan to colonise Finland and to move most of the population to other parts of Russia.

Refuge For Finns
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Denmark has offered Finland 6,000 homes for the use of Finnish people who may have to leave.

For the time being, however, Finland does not consider it necessary to accept the kind offer.

Intense Fighting
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A communiqué reports that fighting north-east of Lake Ladoga on January 28 was very intense at various points.

The Finns repelled all the Soviet attacks and captured some of the enemy's supporting positions.

The Russian lost 800 killed and 160 prisoners.

The Finns destroyed four tanks and captured four cannon, and 15 machine guns.

The also destroyed a Soviet transport column consisting of 100 horses.

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NEUTRALS MINED

Nazi Murder War
Catches Innocents

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A small Dutch vessel, Nora, was mined off the south-east coast early in the morning.

Although the stern was blown away and she was sinking rapidly, a salvage tug was able to tow her to shore where she was beached.

All the crew are believed to be safe aboard another salvage vessel.

The explosion was so great that people were shaken in their beds.

A rising tide carried the vessel further ashore and drove her clean through a pier, leaving a huge gap at the shore end of the pier between 70 and 100 yards.

Half Crew Missing
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Seven of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Faro, of 844 tons, which went ashore on the North-east coast owing to a rising tide, were missing.

It is believed, to enemy action, were brought ashore to-day by breeches buoy. Three are reported to be dead while four are missing.

Mine Washed Ashore
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A mine was washed ashore at a south-east coast resort to-day, blew up a new sea-wall and smashed hundreds of windows.

The mine struck a promenade on which work was still in progress.

One arch was blown away and three others were damaged.

The concrete work is over three feet thick and is reinforced with steel-work.

On top of a cliff, windows within a quarter-mile radius were smashed.

MONTREAL, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The first wireless school in Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme will have 800 pupils, it was announced in Montreal to-day.

MORE NAZI WAR AIMS

They're Going To Revise
A 1648 Treaty Now

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A revised version of Germany's war aims was given by a German army officer in a broadcast to the German people from the soldiers in the Siegfried Line.

He admitted that the war was not, as the Nazis claimed, forced on Germany.

He said that Germany was trying to win the war she lost in 1918 and to "wipe out the disgrace of Versailles."

Last week Dr. Ley, the Nazi Labour Leader, bluntly announced that Germany was trying deliberately to revise the conditions laid down in the Treaty of Versailles of 1918, which gave Alsace to France and recognised the independence of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

A Long War
A German paper to-day warns its readers not to look for quick results in the war.

Political struggles, says the paper, need nerves, coolness and the ability to wait.

All of this has involved Goebbels' Ministry of Misinformation and Propaganda, and such enticement has entailed not a few atrocities. The latest circus feat has been to order the anti-Communist department to switch its attention from Soviet Russia and to apply its technique to Britain.

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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila
(San Francisco date, 4th January).
Japan Jan. 31.
Straits and Saigon Jan. 31.
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Direct Service"—San Francisco
date, 27th January.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—London date, 20th Jan.
January.
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(San Francisco date, 12th January).
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(San Francisco date, 4th January).
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—London date, 24th Jan.
Shanghai Jan. 31.
Shanghai and Amoy Jan. 31.

OUTWARD MAILS
Tuesdays, Jan. 30
Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels Jan. 30, 11 a.m.
Letters Jan. 30, Noon.
Bangkok Jan. 30, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong Jan. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy and Shanghai Jan. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct
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February.
K.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Aus-
tralia by "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—due Sydney, 5th Feb.
K.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Straits, Bombay, Aden, Malta and
London parcels only—due London,
12th March.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Parcels Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Reg. Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 31
Canton Jan. 31, 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Canton, India, East
and South Africa, Egypt, and
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-
seilles, 27th February.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 31, 3.45 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Maurice-Marques,
Madagascar, and South Africa via Durban.
3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and
France (Paris and Northern
Provinces only) by the "Air France
Airways Direct Service"—due
Paris, 8th February.
K.F.O.
Reg. Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. Jan. 31, 7 p.m.
Thursdays, Feb. 1
Amoy Jan. 31, 7 p.m.
Shanghai Jan. 31, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong Jan. 31, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 2
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New
Zealand via Brisbane—due Bris-
bane, 10th February.
K.F.O. & G.P.O.
Parcels Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 2, 8.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 2, 9.30 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 3
Tourane Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin (Parcels only) Jan. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Straits Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct
Service"—due London 11th Feb.
G.P.O. & K.F.O.
Reg. Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 3, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu
and U.S.A., by the "Pan American
Airways Direct Service"—due San
Francisco, 10th February.
K.F.O.
Reg. Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 3, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 4, 7.30 a.m.
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at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended 31st
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The Register of the
Company will be
closed on Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to
Friday, the 16th February, 1940,
both days inclusive.
By order of the Board of
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C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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day of February, 1940, at 12
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ordinary business of the Company.
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OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY
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the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th
February, 1940, both days inclu-
sive.
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W. F. SIMMONS,
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THAT THE ANNUAL ORDINARY
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holders will be held at the HONG
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Thursday, the 15th February, 1940,
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receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ended 31st
December, 1939.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
Saturday, 15th February to Thurs-
day, 16th February, both days
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Escaped Nazis Found Up A Tree

"IS the war finished yet?"
was the first question an escap-
ing German prisoner asked when
he was recaptured.
He was one of four who fled from
a Scottish internment camp by
scaling a barbed-wire fence.
Within an hour 2,000 soldiers and
police were searching for them.
A gamekeeper found two of the
Germans, George Suzalek, aged 24,
and Franz Fellen, aged 22, near a
stream on a private estate.
One of them was washing his teeth.
"I told them to go back to the
camp," he said to the "Daily Herald."
"but they replied, 'No! No!'"
"Then I took both of them by the
shoulder and made them march."

Broke Away
Before they had gone 100 yards,
the Germans broke away and
escaped.
The gamekeeper at once got in
touch with the police.
An inspector and sergeant were put
on the trail by discovering two small
pieces of red silk on the ground—the
identity patches sewn on the cloth-
ing of all internees.
One of the first trees they reached
was a tall yew.
High up in the branches they
spotted the two men, one crouching
on a branch about 15ft. from the
ground and the other on another
branch five feet higher up.

Surrender
Both men appeared to be frighten-
ed. They scrambled to the ground
and surrendered.
One of them was wearing seafer-
ring clothes, including a dark blue
jacket, a blue jersey and a heavy
fannel shirt, but the other was at-
tired in ordinary civilian clothes.
Some hours after their capture, it
was learned that the two comrades
had asked for tea at a house five miles
away.
They were given it by a woman
who afterwards telephoned to the
police.

Missing Men
The men still at liberty are de-
scribed as: Eberhard Rolf Fischer,
aged 23, 5ft. 2in., brown hair, blue
eyes, fresh complexion, weight
10½st.; and Max Wenderhul, aged
38, 5ft. 9in., fair hair, grey eyes,
weight 11st.
It was from the same internment
camp that three German youths
escaped recently.
None of the three could speak
English. They were quickly recap-
tured.

Rome, The Axis and The Future

By Diplomatic Correspondent
THERE is considerable speculation
in some quarters on the direction
Italian policy may take in the next
few months.
Officially there has been no
evidence of any change in Italy's
attitude of "non-belligerency" as
defined by Count Ciano in his speech
to the Fascist Grand Council.
Although Count Ciano is reported
to have lost much of his enthusiasm
for the Axis since his meeting with
Herr Hitler at Berchtesgaden last
August, it is believed that Signor
Mussolini still adheres to it in prin-
ciple.

Vatican Activity
Recent diplomatic events in Rome
have given no clue to any further
developments, though the meeting be-
tween the Pope and the King of Italy,
and the continuing diplomatic activity
of the Vatican in both Rome and
Berlin undoubtedly are of political
significance.
It has been thought that these were
connected with possible peace moves,
but it is equally likely that they
may signify an Italian attempt at re-
conciliation between the Vatican and
Berlin to remove difficulties in the
way of Axis co-operation.

Russo-German Problem
On the other hand, all shades of
Catholic opinion have always been
strongly anti-Bolshevik, and the
Russo-German pact and the German
treatment of Poland—a predominant-
ly Catholic country—have intensified
Catholic feeling against the Nazis.
Which is a reason for believing that
popular Italian sentiment may be in-
creasingly anti-Nazi.
There is no doubt that Hitler would
like to see a strengthening of Axis
ties. It remains to be seen whether
in the present political manoeuvring,
Mussolini will try to heal the breach
between the Vatican and Berlin, or
will allow it to become ever wider.
Here again, the true strength of the
Russo-German tie-up will probably
be the determining factor.
There is no appreciable outward
sign of any lessening of the Fascist
"case" against the so-called Western
plotters, as Count Ciano's latest
speech showed.

Cut In Phone Books
Post Office telephone directories
which utilise about 12,000,000 tons of
paper every year, will be issued at
less frequent intervals during the
war.

SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY HITLER LEARNS STRATEGY

Hitler is taking lessons in strategy,
according to a French broadcast for
Austrians.
"He decided to do so after his
recent discussions with the German
General Staff had revealed his com-
plete ignorance of military science,"
the French announcer said.
Death For Undermining Morale
Gen. Keitel, Chief of the German
General Staff, has issued a decree im-
posing the death penalty under mili-
tary law for attempts to undermine
the soldiers' morale, desertion and
looting.

Son Sends Mother To Jail
A young Nazi arrested his mother
for uttering derogatory remarks about
Hitler. His action was described in
an incident quoted in a broadcast to
Austrians abroad over the French
radio.
The wife of a German workman at
Krefeld, Western Germany, returning
home after a vain tour of the
provision shops, expressed her
opinion of the Fuehrer in somewhat
strong language, accusing him of
responsibility for the food shortage.
Her son immediately left the flat
and returning with other S.S. men,
placed his mother under arrest. The
next day, the account added, she was
sentenced to five months' imprison-
ment.

The incident was quoted by the
broadcaster as symptomatic of the de-
moralising influence of Nazism on
60,000 Czech Hostages

Sixty thousand Czech hostages are
being held in Germany, according to
Paris "Solr." The trisling and work-
men among them are living in condi-
tions similar to imprisonment with
hard labour. They have been told that
they will be made to suffer for all acts
of disaffection on the part of the
people at home.
The food position in the former
Czechoslovakia is becoming
increasingly worse. Meat, sugar, coal
and even bread are obtainable only in
small quantities.

Steel Wedding Rings
Wedding rings are now being
manufactured of steel, and the Press
has been instructed to describe them
as having a "fine and noble effect."

Germany's 12,000 jewellers and
goldsmiths may only sell gold and
jewellery if the customer surrenders
old gold of an equal weight.

Tricks Got Food
Germans who found the food ration
dole out by the Nazis insufficient and
unsatisfactory have recently had re-
course to a simple ruse to obtain
extra supplies. They "fell ill" and
called in a doctor, who prescribed
more and better food, allowed only
on a medical certificate. The doctor
was a "Volkskischer Beobachter" now
warns Germans that "discipline must
be preserved even in the consulting
room."
Restaurant keepers have adopted
the trick of keeping their best bits of
beef for old customers. An order has
been issued forbidding the practice.

Beheadings Daily
Beheadings are now a daily occur-
rence. The latest is that of a Ger-
man, Frank Blawik, 27, who was
convicted in Berlin of stealing a
woman's handbag.

Schleswig Dances Called Up
Large numbers of the Danish
minority living on the German side of
the Schleswig frontier are being called
up for service with the German
Army, states the North Schleswig
newspaper "Dansternen."
Among them is M. Frederik Peter-
sen, one of the leaders of the Danish
Minority party in South Jutland.

Cholera In Warsaw
According to a Danish traveller re-
turning to Copenhagen from Germany
it is admitted there that there were
cases of cholera in Warsaw.

The Pope Receives Paris Nuncio

ROME.—The Pope recently re-
ceived Mgr. Valeri, the Papal Nuncio
in Paris. He came here to report to
the Pope and also for a holiday. The
audience lasted over an hour. The
Pope also received Senator Besnard,
a former French Ambassador to the
Quirinal, who is now French Com-
missioner to the 1942 Italian World
Fair.

Alleged U.S. Rebels Have Irish Names

NEW YORK.—Of the 18 members
of an organization called "the
Christian Front" arrested by Federal
Bureau agents, seven are stated to
have Irish names, reports Reuters.
The men were arrested on charges
of conspiracy to create a revolution in
the United States and to overthrow the
Government and establish a dictator-
ship.
The Christian Front is said to have
planned a reign of terror.
According to a Detroit dispatch,
Father Coughlin, the "radio priest,"
declared that the Christian Front used
his name without his authority.
Meanwhile, it is announced that
Karl Schuler, one of the Nazi secret
service agents who fled from the
United States in October, 1938, at the
time of the New York spy trial, is now
in the hands of the American police.
He was found working as a steward

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By A Special Correspondent
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own design which has no
clutch, no gearbox, and re-
duces petrol consumption by
at least half, says a corre-
spondent.

This car, which he is confident
may revolutionise road trans-
port, is driven by a combina-
tion of electric and internal combus-
tion engines.
The car weighs twenty-seven
hundredweight; it was originally a
sixteen h.p. model. With three up,
we drove at a steady thirty miles an
hour, occasionally accelerating to
forty-five miles an hour. Our petrol
consumption was sixty miles to the
gallon.
Mr. Murphy has removed the car's
original 10 h.p. engine and replaced
it with a 7 h.p. engine. He has added
a 3½ h.p. dynamo of his own
design and a set of batteries.

Great Economy
The car is started on the batteries.
Once it is in motion, the petrol en-
gine takes up the drive and maintains
the speed. The electric motor, now
operating as a dynamo, is replacing
the energy used in starting.

The great economy of petrol is
caused by the petrol engine run-
ning at constant throttle. When
it has heavy work to do—as in
going up-hill—the electric motor
automatically comes to its help.
With no clutch or gear-box to
operate, driving is simpler than
in a normal car.
"I'm fifty-six," Mr. Murphy said,
"and I've done a lot of engineering.
I've designed this car not because I
want to make a fortune, but simply
in the belief that it's right."
"I call my latest baby 'dual-
power' because the car drives from
either or both of two sources of
energy."

Secret Blackout Flags In Berlin

Thousands of tiny buttonhole flags
bearing the words, "Better a king by
God's will than a pig from Berch-
tesgaden," are being distributed
secretly during Berlin's nightly
blackout.

A Dutch visitor had four pinned on
the lapel of his overcoat during an
eight minute walk from the station
to his hotel, but says Reuters, he
could not see who the people were,
for they made off in a hurry.

THE FRAU PROFITEER

10 Years' Jail
"As Warning"
FRAU MARTHA KRAUSE, a
Berlin shopkeeper, was sentenc-
ed to ten years in the peniten-
tiary because she sold meat, but-
ter and textiles to customers
without ration cards.

She persuaded wholesale mer-
chants, says R.U.P., to give her extra
supplies which, according to the
authorities, she sold at higher prices.
"This is a serious warning to those
who believe they can circumvent the
ration-card system," says the Voel-
kischer Beobachter.

Gifts To The Crew Of H.M.S. Malaya

LONDON.—The Association of Bri-
tish Malaya is making good progress
with the fund to provide comforts
for the crew of H.M.S. Malaya, the
battleship presented by the people
of the F.M.S. during the last war.
The Secretary, Mr. Oliver Marks,
is appealing for subscriptions and
gifts of woollen garments and
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SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

"Bomb" Plot Threat To Goring in Prague

BELGRADE.
ANOTHER German "bomb" plot has been revealed—this time
against Nazi No. 2, Field-Marshal Goring.
He was warned by the Czech police. They told him that
an attempt would be made on his life when he visited Prague
early in the New Year.

So the visit has been post-
poned, and both Czech and Nazi
police are making inquiries.

I understand from Czech circles in
Belgrade that Goring was warned be-
cause the Czechs feared mass re-
prisals and a new reign of terror,
says a correspondent.

The Czech Fascist organization are
said to have been behind the plot.
Whether it was to have been a real
or fake attempt, as was suspected in
the case of the beer cellar incident
at Munich, is not known.

PLANS are afoot in Germany to
pay "part of the wages of
workers in the form of promissory
notes," it is revealed by the Schwarz-
Korps.

An article headed "Work more—
consume less" says:
"Since we have had no unemploy-
ment for a long time, and since we
have already utilised the possibilities
of rationalisation for the time being,
our rising war production can only
be continued if we apply less labour
to the satisfaction of private needs."

A NUMBER of passenger trains,
including several expresses, have
been withdrawn from the German
railways, according to the German
wireless.

The measure, it was stated, "is due
to the necessity of freeing locomotives
and locomotive personnel for carry-
ing vital industrial supplies and to
the difficulties caused by the cold
weather."

OWING to the shortage of leather,
and even of ersatz leather, a
decree has been issued in Germany
that shoes can only be mended in
pairs and not singly. If one sole only

Father Must Pay £1,500 To Daughter

A GIRL aged 14 was awarded £1,500
damages against her father at Not-
tinghamshire Assizes last month.
She is to spend £250 of the money
on an operation for the removal
of a scar from her face.
The operation will be performed by
Sir Harold Gillies, the plastic sur-
geon.
The girl, Joyce Tonks, of West Bridg-
ford, Nottingham, was a passenger
in a car, driven by her father,
George Tonks, which came in colli-
sion with a lorry on May 27.
It was then that she received the scar.
Joyce sued through her mother.
Judgment was given for the owners
of the lorry, who were joint de-
fendants.
When Mr. Justice Singleton said he
saw from Sir Harold's report that
he thought he could get improve-
ment up to 80 per cent, counsel
replied, "Certainly. At the worst,
60 per cent."
Mrs. Tonks agreed that the remain-
ing £1,250 should be invested for
her daughter.
The judge described it as a very wise
settlement.
It is worn, the owner must wait until
both are in the same condition.

TAILPIECE: Letters sent from Ger-
many to neutral countries bear a
stamp inviting tourists to "visit the
joyful Germany."

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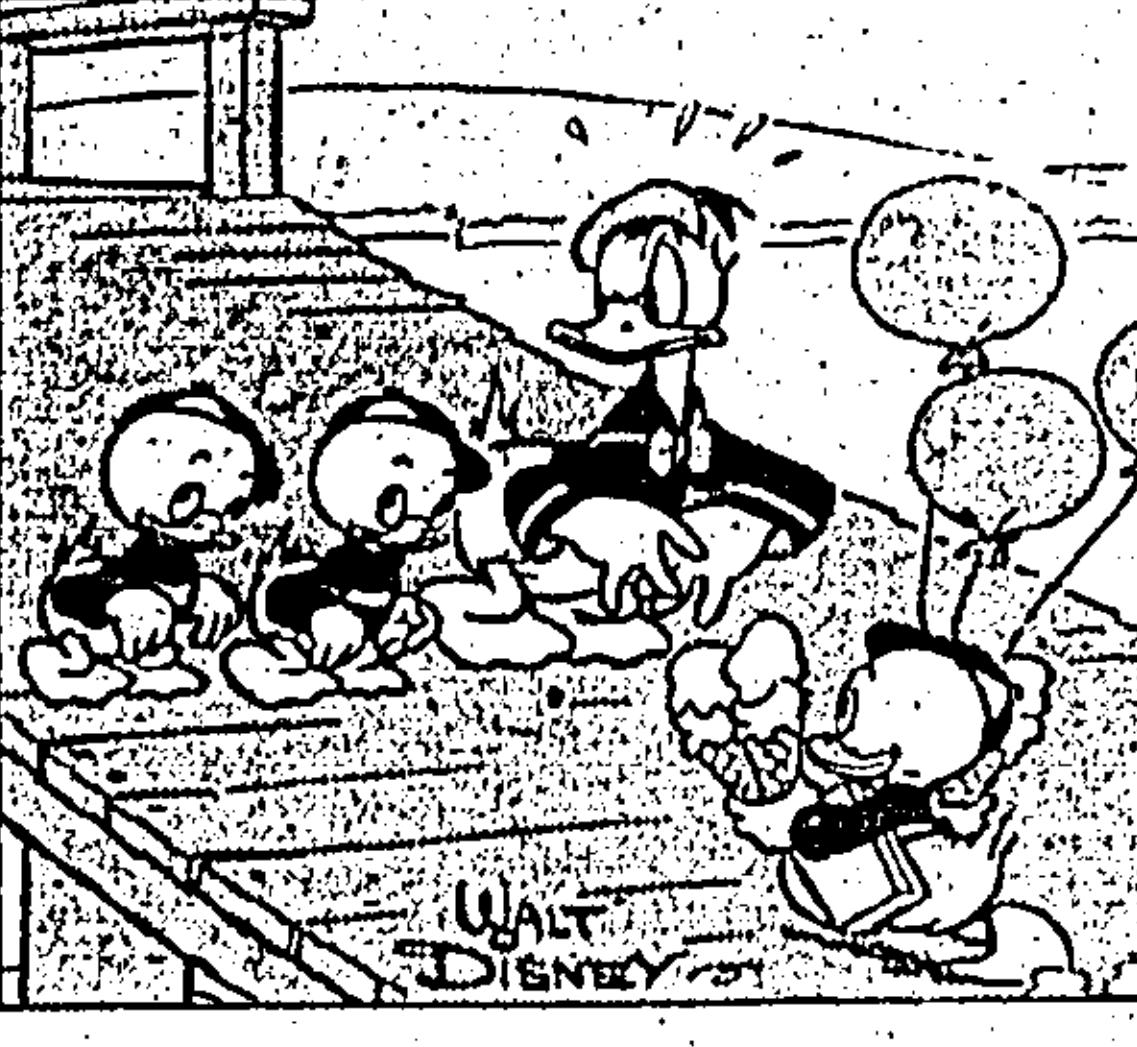
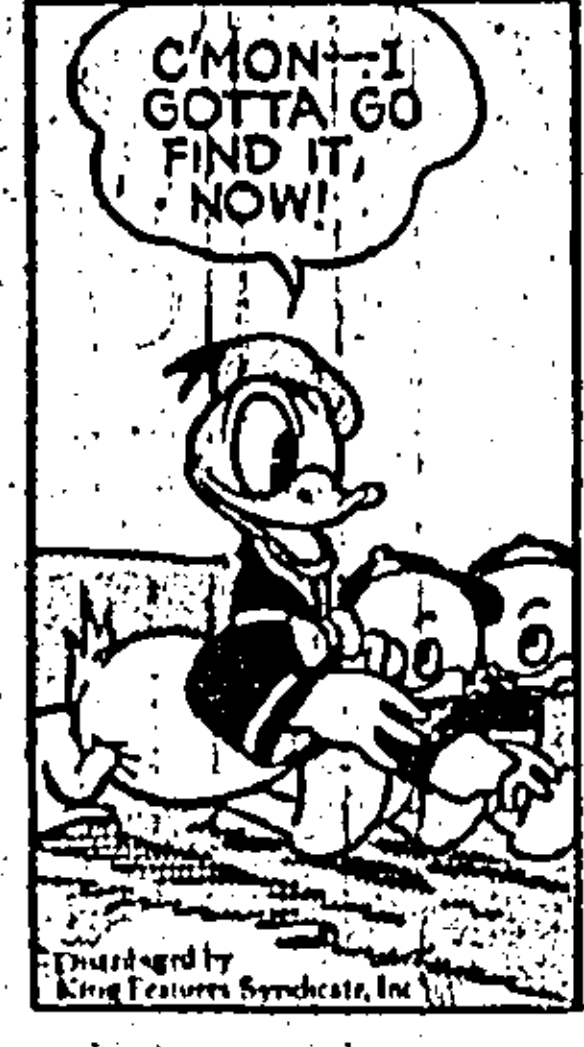
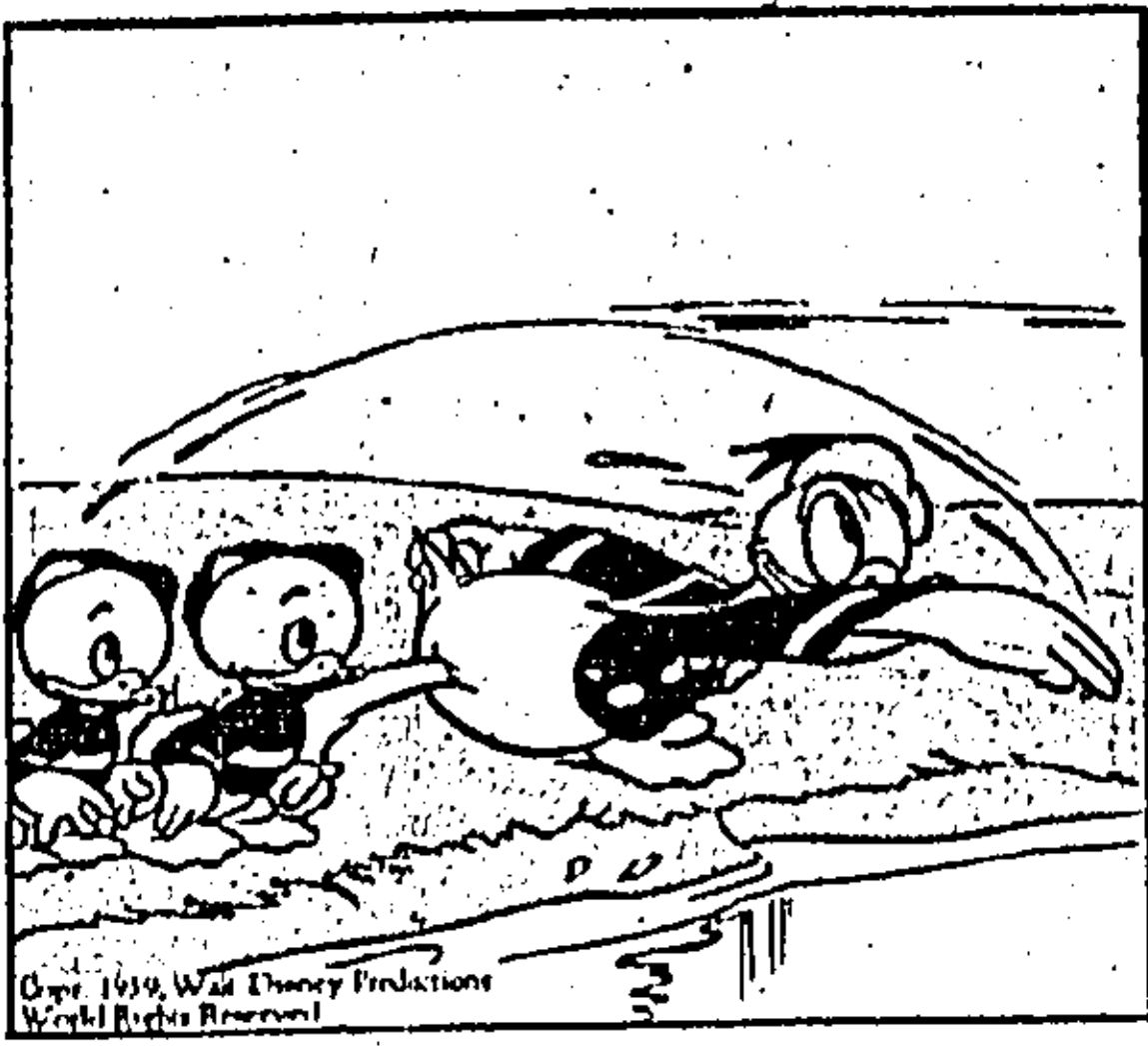
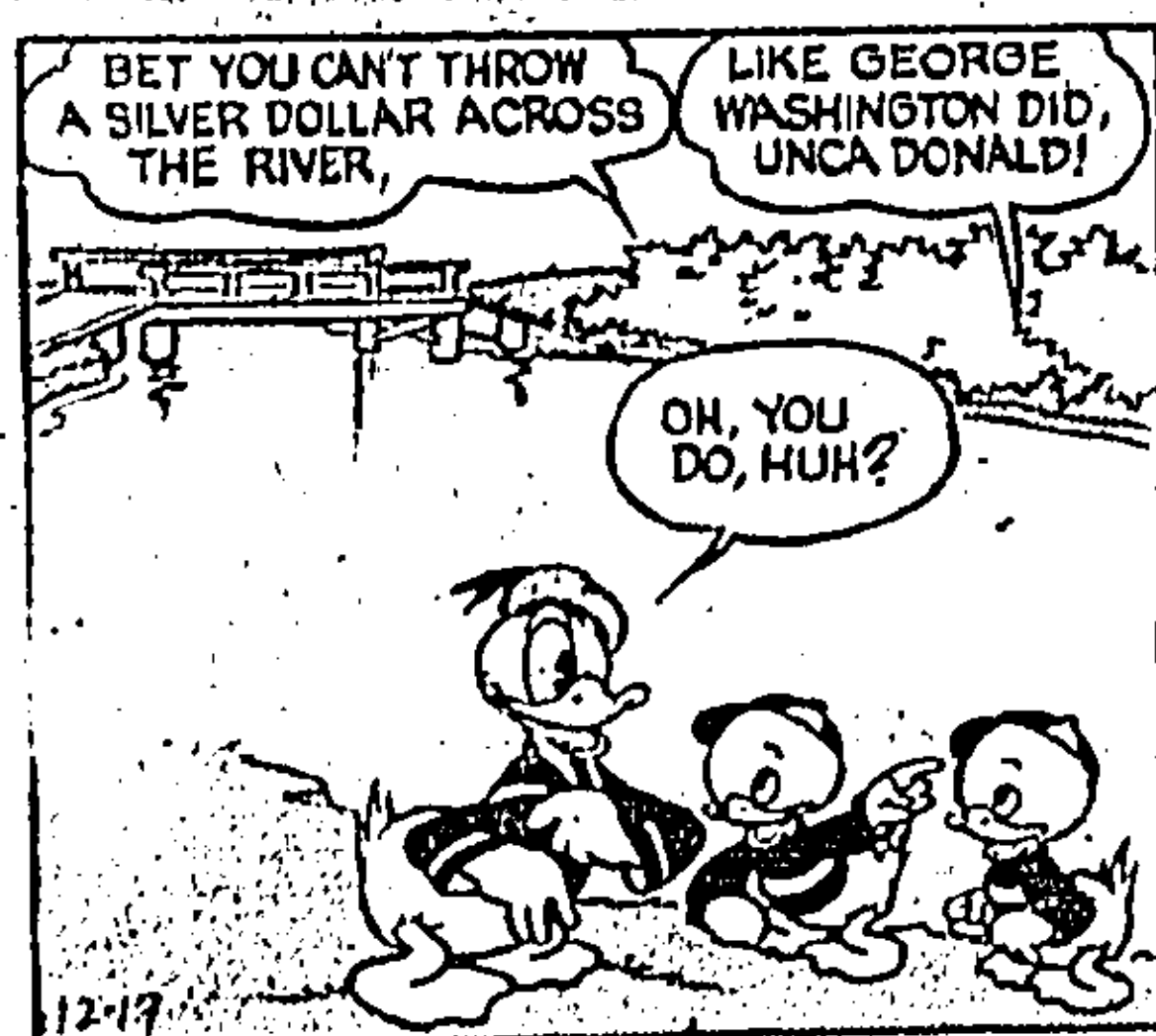
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The slogan of the war loan is, "Make your dollars fight for freedom."

The Finance Minister, in a broadcast, revealed that the United Kingdom's purchases in Canada during the first year of war would probably amount to some £100,000,000.

Agile Tree Climber At 70

NORMAN, (UP).—Annie Henson of the Oak Grove community is 70 years old, and can climb a tree like she could at the age of 10. She proved it while picking wild plums in an open pasture. When a bull charged toward her, she quickly climbed a tree to safety.

Factory's Cure For Black-Out Blues

BETWEEN 3,000 and 4,000 bottles of milk go into a certain factory every day, and out at the other end pours a constant stream of—Bren guns.

The factory is one of the largest producing small arms for the Ministry of Supply.

It has been found there that the milk is almost as important as the steel supply for keeping up constant output. It cuts down the sickness rate among the workers.

Milk and guns work better than "guns instead of butter."

But even milk doesn't cure disease, they have discovered at the factory. That disease is "black-out blues."

The welfare department has, however, found a remedy for this psychological effect.

Evening Off

"There is an elastic arrangement by which a worker with 'black-out blues' can have the evening off to go to the pictures with his wife and family," an official told the "Daily Herald."

Mass production pours Bren guns out of this factory in staggering numbers, and yet production is not yet at the peak.

When it is considered that a Bren gun has 172 parts, that there are 3,174 operations in its construction, and that 4,987 gauges are used for testing, some little idea may be possible of the plant and employment necessary.

The two major components of the Bren are the body and the butt slide, both produced from high tensile alloy steel.

The body starts as a "drop stamping" weighing 40lb, but, after passing through 200 operations, it leaves the machine shop a bright and intricately curved work weighing under 7lb.

The butt slide weighs as a forging 10lb, and requires 103 operations to reduce it to a mere shell weighing 2lb.

Fairy Tale City Waits For A Prince

COPENHAGEN, the fairy-tale city where Hans Andersen wove romance round the narrow streets and twisted spires, is in a state of happy excitement over the news that Denmark's Crown Princess Ingrid is expecting her first baby.

It is four years since the only daughter of the Swedish Crown Prince married the heir to the Danish Throne, so the nation's joy will be shared by Sweden. England, too, has a share in the event, for Princess Ingrid's mother was born here, and the princess always considers herself at least half-English.

Only the outbreak of war prevented her from paying her usual late summer visit to the Duke of Connaught, her grandfather.

There is a widespread hope that Princess Ingrid's baby will be a boy.

Much of the layette is being chosen in England under the expert supervision of Princess Ingrid's British relatives.

Seven Years' Jail For Treason

CHARGED with treason, William McAllister has been sentenced at Belfast City Commission to seven years' penal servitude.

They Used Gunpowder In 1250

CINCINNATI, (UP).—There is a large place reserved in world history for the man who invented gunpowder—but no historian can be certain of his inventor's identity.

Perhaps no chemical invention or discovery has affected the course of history to a greater degree than that of gunpowder. The search for the person who first learned that the destiny of nations lies in the harmless-looking powder that isn't particularly dangerous unless confined has been in progress for centuries.

Dr. Ralph E. Oesper, associate professor of analytical chemistry at University of Cincinnati, has been making a study of the origin of gunpowder.

Dr. Oesper said that Berthold Schwarz, a German monk, and Friar Roger Bacon, have been associated with the invention, although the Bacon claim has been upheld solely in England.

His studies have led Dr. Oesper to the conclusion that Schwarz—if he really existed at all—invented firearms about 1250 at Freiburg, Germany.

No contemporary documents or accounts dealing with Schwarz are known and those who contend that he never existed may be correct, but at least tradition, which usually has an historical basis, justified the monument to his memory in Freiburg," Dr. Oesper explained.

The earliest version, taken from a Freiburg manuscript of 1432, has Schwarz seeking a tincture for gliding metals; mixing saltpetre, sulphur, lead, and oil in a light copper pot, and prompted by the resultant explosion to experiment further.

"Why are there no contemporary records?" Dr. Oesper asked. "If Berthold Schwarz is a purely legendary inventor, the answer is obvious. However, history may have taken no interest in his doing because guns were said to be execrable inventions and their employment was declared as destructive of manly valour and unworthy of an honourable warrior."

"Schwarz was reputed to have compounded powder with Salome's blessing, and the clerical authorities, that as a co-worker of the evil one, he was a renegade to his profession, and his name should be forgotten."

"There is a tradition that he was imprisoned by his fellow-monks, and some say he made his invention while in prison. According to another legend, he blew himself up while demonstrating the power of his discovery. Another states that he was executed."

There was no reference to the Chinese claim to the invention of gunpowder in Dr. Oesper's report.

After the Clerk of the Crown had spent ten minutes reading out the charge, McAllister refused to plead.

"Not Interested"

Asked if he was ready to be tried, he replied: "It doesn't interest me in the least."

It was alleged that McAllister, with "other evilly disposed persons," conspired to raise, make and levy insurance against the King at Belfast in January, 1938.

The charge also alleged conspiracy with members of an "illegal organization," the Irish Republican Army, to steal rifles from Campbell College, Belfast; and that McAllister set up an I.R.A. court-martial in Belfast.

Crown counsel said that the evidence consisted largely of documents found in McAllister's house in Belfast.

He Told Judge—

These included letters addressed to and from the "Adjutant-General, I.R.A. headquarters, Dublin."

After the jury returned its verdict of guilty, McAllister said to the judge: "It is not treason to fight for one's country. I believe my country should be free, and I have been prepared to take any steps to attain that end."

BANNS WERE STOPPED

EIGHTEEN - YEAR - OLD Mary Amelia Gill arranged to wed Charles V. Stevens, aged 23, of Holland street, Weston-super-Mare.

The banns were read out at church, but only once.

For Mary's mother stepped in and stopped them.

"She thought I was too young," Mary told the Weston magistrates, applying for their consent.

But the Bench didn't. So this time the banns should go through without a hitch.

League Kept Busy With Other Work Outside Of Crisis

GENEVA. — League of Nations activities are not restricted to the Sino-Finnish crisis. In addition to the groups considering the Finnish appeal, three other League committees were in session. One adopted a report for the co-ordination of all the League's non-political activities in a single semi-independent office.

Non-political activities in which many non-members co-operate, include the campaigns against narcotics and slavery; economics and financial work; communications and transit; sanitary, refugee, relief, social, and humanitarian work.

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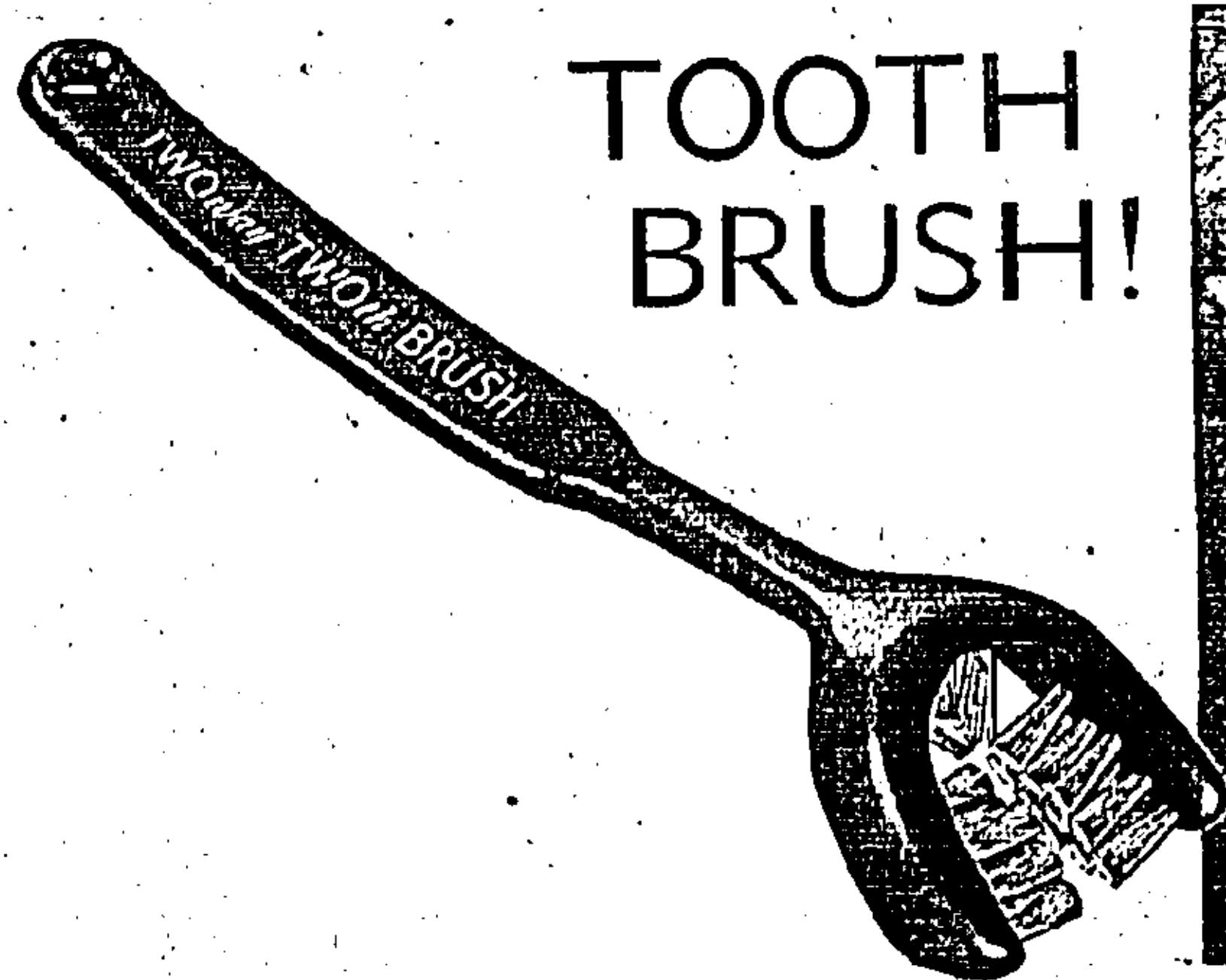
Citizens poured into the streets, a vast parade was organized, "hot dogs," mustard, and buns were donated by leading citizens and an impromptu picnic of the entire population staged until the lights came on again.

Apples Baked On Tree

DROMANA, Aus. (UP).—Men who fought a grass fire that was swooping through an orchard here, were rewarded for their labour.

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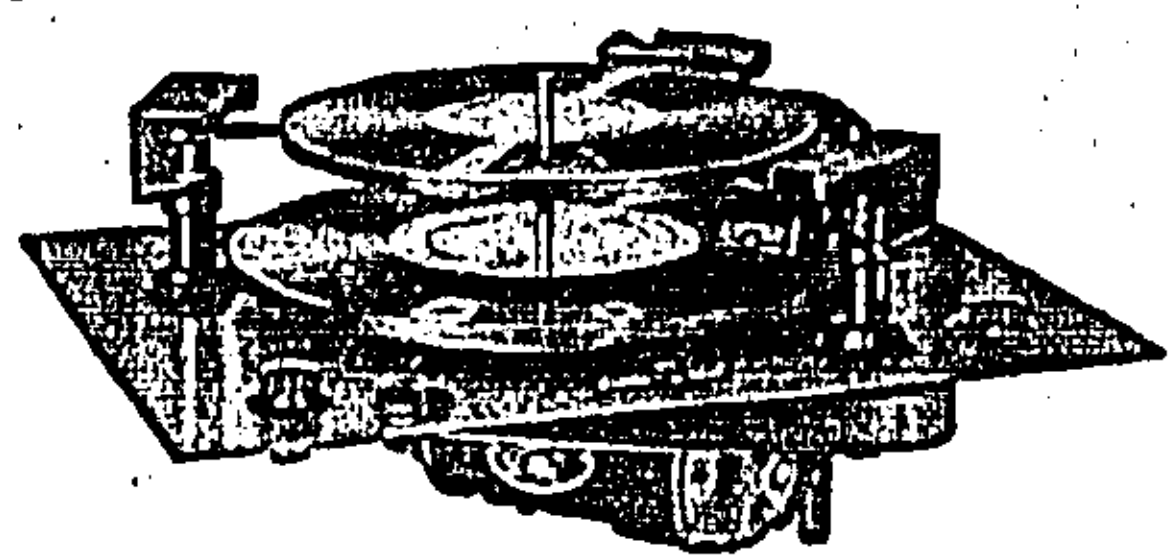
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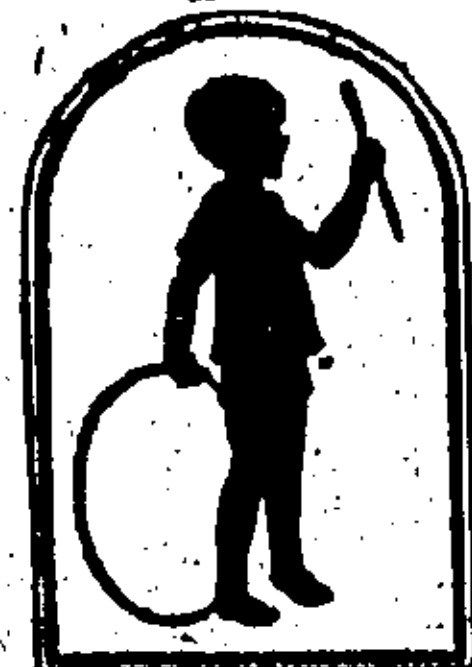
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Balkan Peace

The Balkan peasant, whose numbers make him the most important person in that part of the world, poor, illiterate, tilling his soil in an ancient, unprofitable way, will count himself lucky that the madness to the north has not yet inflamed the fanaticalism on which his own rulers have been nourished. The cynical might be surprised that in this most turbulent region acquisitiveness has not yet acted on example. There are so many demands on record, and so many determined refusals. Hungary has wanted Transylvania from Rumania, while Bulgaria asks from her the Southern Dobruja, with a piece, perhaps, of Macedonia from Yugoslavia and a port on the Aegean from Greece. This time of general insecurity, with the great lawless occupied elsewhere, might have seemed ideal for the armed pursuit of some of these aims, which, often enough, are almost affairs of conscience with those who follow them. One such attempt would have plunged the whole Balkans into militant chaos. Why has one not yet been made? It is, of course, possible that even among these peoples the effects of modern war are seen for what they are. But there are active elements of stability, and one of the most powerful among them is the influence of Italy. Italy, in her stronger periods, has always looked towards South-eastern Europe. In the Middle Ages her rulers allied themselves by marriage to the royal houses of Serbia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. The merchants of Venice held the commerce of the Levant in their hands, and when the Turks swept into Southern Europe they found in this city one of their most obstinate enemies. This line of history leads Italy quite naturally into the Balkans to-day. She has now another reason for wishing the peacefulness of these States. Russian Communism is attempting to march westwards; from Hungary's new frontier with Russia it is little more than three hundred miles to the Italian border.

It is not only that a Russian appearance in the Balkans brings a second Great Power within striking distance of Italy, but that it would mean the spread of a doctrine which Italy, with the Papacy, considers the great modern evil. For Italy the effect of a Russian entry into Bucharest would be little different from that which Europe has experienced when the infidel Turks knocked at the gates of Vienna in 1683. Italy's regard for the Balkans is a discreet compound of interests and ideals. War in the Balkans would mean heavy material losses for her, and she would naturally seek to restrain its causes.

The one hope of the Balkan States' withstanding that possible expansion of the war begun to the north, which it is one of Italy's declared objects to avoid, is for their amicable settlement or postponement of their own claims on each other. Italy's task and responsibility are great. The Balkan Entente (Rumania, Yugoslavia, Turkey, and Greece), should it itself be a stabilising force, but it has lost most of its strength by Yugoslavia's unhappy consciousness of



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STALIN WANTS A GREAT NAVY

RUSSIA'S increased influence in the Baltic during recent weeks is obviously related to the ambition of the Soviet leaders to make the U.S.S.R. a great naval Power, which it certainly is not at present. This idea of a powerful Russian Fleet is as old as Peter the Great, who, however, had certain advantages over the existing rulers of Russia. Peter had the wisdom to know that the first essential in building a large fleet entailed not only the acquisition of naval bases, but also the building of ships, and that in turn meant the creation of a shipbuilding industry.

With that object in view Peter went to the Thames to study the art and craft of ship-construction, and if to-day Stalin were to follow that example by a few months' shipbuilding training on, say, the Clyde, Belfast, or the North-East Coast he would go back to Russia with the knowledge that more Five-Year Plans than he will live to see carried through would be necessary to reorganise Russia's shipbuilding industry to a standard commensurate with the sea-power ambitions of the Soviets.

Kalinin's Advice

Naval construction and the shipbuilding industry have been more or less neglected by the first of two Five-Year Plans, although Kalinin, the President of the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R., has been exhorting the Soviet shipbuilders to overtake "the foremost capitalist sea Powers." So far the "Bolshevisation" of the Navy and the shipbuilding industry has not been helpful. Commissioners and naval officers do not make a team, and is not surprising that discipline should go by the board when the political chiefs take priority over the officers trained in naval strategy.

As for shipbuilding, the problems which confront the Soviet authorities are obvious. It is the greatest of all assembling industries, and is therefore the most difficult to nationalise successfully. Innumerable other trades and industries are associated with shipbuilding, and if inefficiency and intrigue occur

the German troops on her frontier. Every effort Italy makes for peace in the Balkans will strengthen her, for if that peace collapses the way is open to Germany, which, while Russia is no more than a threat, is the real danger to Balkan independence. The British alliance with Turkey and guarantees to Rumania and Greece themselves form the basis of a system which aims at keeping two aggressive giants out of that corner of Europe. It is a system with which Italy, whose aim is a Balkan peace, should sympathise and which she could do much to support.

in one they upset the balance of all. It is perhaps for that reason that shipbuilding has been the least successful of the Russian industries since the Revolution. In fact, the total output of the Soviet shipyards since 1917 has been something less than a normal year's output from the Clyde alone. These problems, which are formidable enough in a peaceful Europe, when manufactured products essential to shipbuilding and marine engineering can be freely imported, may be regarded as insuperable to-day with three of the greatest European Powers at war.

Four Strategic Positions

The Soviet authorities have always been reticent with regard to their shipbuilding production, but in view of the tonnage they have ordered from abroad and the many old ships which they have still in service, it is obvious that their own industry is still a long way from meeting Soviet requirements. Numerically, particularly laid down in 1914), a cruiser with regard to submarines, the minelayer of 3,500 tons, and a Soviet Fleet is believed to be considerable, but that Fleet has latest units of the Soviet Fleet. Eight large destroyers, which in the Baltic, the White Sea, the Black Sea, and the Far East, of about 2,700 tons displacement alone (to quote ment and fitted with 5.1-inch Signor Mussolini) do not make guns, have been under construction a great naval Power, and in tion at Leningrad in recent other classes of tonnage, apart years. It is understood that

about six of these ships are completed. They have been influenced by Italian design, and a large Russian destroyer of similar dimensions, the Tashkent, was completed last year by Italian shipbuilders.

Three capital ships of 35,000 tons are projected, and it is understood that the first of these is to be laid down at Leningrad some time this year, but in view of the time taken by the Russian shipbuilders to build destroyers—not to mention cargo ship—it will be many years before we see a modern Russian-built capital ship. It is indeed doubtful if the battle-ships have got further than the design stage, which, to the Russian mind, often means as much as the completed job.

Mercantile Marine

Another example of the Russian enigma is the Soviet mercantile marine. There, too, the greatest secrecy has been observed, but, following years of the utmost reticence relating to their merchant navy, the Soviet authorities went to the other extreme a few months ago by publishing a "Register of Shipping of the U.S.S.R.," which contains more details and particulars of ships than any existing shipping register. No fewer than 29 columns are devoted to each vessel. According to this register, which is in Russian and English, the Soviet merchant fleet comprises some 680 vessels, compared with about 9,000 ships in the British Empire merchant navy.

Many of the Russian ships are foreign-built, mainly British, including about 100 cargo vessels built in British shipyards before the Revolution, while tonnage below 1,000 tons gross includes some vessels built in this country over 70 years ago.

An analysis of this new register of Soviet shipping was given in the "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record" of October 12, in which it was stated that only half of the ships on the register can be of use as ocean-going shipping, the remainder being miscellaneous craft such as barges, coasters, and trawlers. It was added that of the Russian-built ships of over 1,000 tons entered in the register most have been built at the Leningrad Shipbuilding Yard and the Baltic Shipbuilding and Engineering Works.

The Leningrad yard has built 16 vessels and the Baltic yard about 20, all below 5,000 tons. Above that figure are some half-dozen ships of about 6,000 tons, most of which have been built by the Sormova Works. All these new ships from the Russian shipyards are now being built.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I think maybe I oughta see a oculist, Otto! I been seein' double lately!"

CHASE IN HARBOUR

Indian Resorvist Swims After Runaway

AN Indian police resorvist and a runaway prisoner were the central figures in a novel chase shortly after 7 o'clock last night. The incident occurred in the waters of Hongkong harbour, into which the runaway jumped after making his escape from No. 2 Police Station. The Resorvist, Alan Din, was entering the Police Station to report for duty when the escapee dashed past him. Alan immediately set off in pursuit. He followed the runaway into the water without a moment's hesitation, and swimming vigorously after him, finally caught up with the man about 200 yards from the shore. A struggle ensued between the two men, and continued until the runaway, half-drowned, became unconscious. The Indian then brought his man to the shore.

NAZIS INTENSIFY RAIDS

FROM PAGE ONE

The Heinkel flew through the clouds straight into a swarm of angry British fighter machines when they attempted to bomb the Tyneside area, and were forced to turn tail in a crazy aerobatic attempt to escape the splitting multiple guns of the R.A.F. machines. A boatman who witnessed an attack from the southeast of an east coast resort said: "I saw a black bomber swoop within fifty feet of the top of the lighthouse. Then he passed over the masts of three ships, which he attacked with bombs and machine-guns."

Adverse Weather

"He dropped about six bombs. Not one of them found their mark." The German attacks were made under severe weather conditions and poor visibility.

Among the British ships attacked were, in addition to the two already mentioned, the 6,000-ton tanker British Officer, the 4,807-ton oiler Pool, the 2,881-ton Stanburn, the 4,448-ton Well-park, the 2,272-ton Knitsley and the small coastal vessels Atholl Monarch, Danny Bryn and Miram. The Stanburn was well-known as a blockade runner during the Spanish Civil War.

The only German hit registered in the aerial combats with the Heinkels was a single machine-gun bullet, which struck the fuselage of one of the R.A.F. machines.

Most of the bombs aimed at the Shetland Islands fell into the sea. School-children were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

Latvian Ship Bombed

London, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Seven are feared killed when German planes dropped ten bombs on the Latvian steamer, Tautmala, 3,700 tons, in the North Sea.

An eighth man was seen drifting alone in a boat which had been damaged by a bomb. A life-boat is searching for him.

Fifteen men and the Captain's wife escaped in a boat and were picked up by a patrol boat and taken to port.

Lightships Bombed

London, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Unidentified planes flew over the Shetland Islands this afternoon and fighter planes went up after them. The all clear signal was sounded 40 minutes later.

Further to the South, fighter planes attacked a Heinkel which fled into low-lying clouds. One of the British fighters was struck by a single bullet, but no damage was done.

Other enemy raiders were driven away by fighters while attacking ships off the Yorkshire coast. Two of the vessels attacked were defenceless light-ships.

Later in the morning, enemy aircraft raided ships off the Kentish coast. The ships reported to be attacked were the Miram, the British Officer, the Atholl Monarch and the Danny Bryn. Further ships reported attacked at various points were the Stanburn, Otterpool, Knitsley and Well Park.

It is unofficially stated that 18 German bombers flew over the East coast. Several bombs were dropped in the sea in and around the Shetland area shortly after mid-day, but no damage was reported.

Fighter planes went up after the Germans, but owing to unfavourable weather conditions, could not intercept the raiders.

Badly Damaged

London, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—One man is dead and another wounded as a result of enemy action against the Newcastle steamer Gripfast, which arrived off a north-east coast harbour to-night.

One of the ship's lifeboats was hanging from a davit and a shore lifeboat is now searching for another of the lifeboats. It is stated that the Gripfast is badly damaged.

Chinese Return From Scuttled Ship

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (UP).—Twenty-three Chinese members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus have arrived by the American liner President Cleveland. They were transferred in Kobe to an Empress liner, aboard which they are travelling to their homes in Shanghai and Hongkong.

Il Duce Sees His War Chiefs

ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini to-day received General Soddù, the Under-Secretary for War, and other generals.

For over an hour they discussed the defensive precautions taken and to be taken.

One of the reports from the generals concerned the development of the defence, which are carried out along Italy's land frontiers.

Another of the reports concerned anti-aircraft defence. Il Duce gave instructions that all precautions should be increased and that the forces now under arms should be strengthened by the recall of certain specialist officers and other ranks for a period of instruction.

Italy To Increase Frontier Defences

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

ROME, Jan. 29 (Domest).—Following a conference with Army leaders, it is understood Signor Mussolini has decided to increase the Italian defence forces on the borders with France, Germany and Yugoslavia.

Signor Mussolini received his high Army leaders at the Venezia Palace and held an important military conference. Informed quarters attach much significance to the surprise military measures by Signor Mussolini in view of the reportedly increasing tension in the Balkans. The measures are apparently calculated to strengthen precautions against danger in the Balkans and the Near East.

18,000 Poles Put To Death

Gestapo Terrorism Disclosed

ANGERS (France), Jan. 29 (Reuter).—No less than 18,000 Polish leaders of all classes are estimated to have been put to death by the Germans in Nazi-occupied Poland, according to a White Paper issued by the Polish Government to-day. The White Paper says that the Nazis aim is to wipe out the Polish population in western Poland and that the German plan is being carried out by the German army and by agents of the Gestapo.

Snub For Nazis

ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Commenting on the denial issued in Berlin of the report broadcast from the Vatican on German atrocities in Poland, the official Vatican paper writes:

"We should like to believe that the German denial corresponds with the truth, but where the Nazis fight against Catholics, we know what their official declarations mean only too well to give the words their ordinary significance."

"Catholics will prefer, in the matter of religious life in Poland, the direct evidence of Polish Catholics."

Victim Of Gestapo

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—According to a message received here by Danish friends, Professor Michael Siedlecki, the well-known Polish zoologist, has died in a concentration camp at Sachsenhausen, at the age of 66.

He was Professor of Zoology at the Cracow University.

Kowloon Traffic Accidents

Two traffic accidents occurred in Kowloon yesterday, the victim in one case being seriously injured.

While bus 789 was going down Nathan Road, it collided with a tri-cycle ridden by Chan Kwan. Chan received serious injuries to the spine. He is now lying in Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

The other accident occurred in Shanghai Street, when a lorry knocked down a woman, Li Yau, who sustained severe injuries to the foot. She was removed to Kowloon Hospital, where her condition is stated to be satisfactory.

Royal Scots Soldier Killed In Crash

A fatal accident occurred at the 18 mile post on the Castle Peak Road yesterday when a small armoured lorry, belonging to the War Department, ran off the road and landed in a paddi field.

The driver, a soldier of the Royal Scots whose name has not been divulged, was killed, but two other occupants of the lorry escaped unhurt.

MAY LEAD TO WAR

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any attempt by other Powers to secure control of China.

These motives to-day engaged the United States more closely in the Sino-Japanese conflict than any other Power, with the possible exception of the Soviet Union, and it might well be one of the causes which would involve the United States in the present conflict.

The Sino-Japanese conflict had no direct connection with the war in Europe, but in the last resort it was not really apart from it. "If this is true, America will probably discover that her special interest in the Far East will profoundly affect her duty to Europe," declared Sir Frederick Whyte.

BLACKOUT DEATHS

Transport Ministry Tackling Problem

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Captain Euan Wallace, Minister of Transport, is launching a road safety campaign.

It is stated that the new 20 miles per hour limit imposed this week in the blackout was the result of tests carried out in his own car.

Captain Wallace added that out of the total of 1,150 road deaths in December, 895 occurred during the blackout.

The Government was determined to tackle the problem of road deaths. The Ministry would select three or four specified areas in which the police would make an analysis of the cause of accidents in the blackout, this being an essential part of national defence.

Scotland Shivers

Fifty-Year Record Cold Spell

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The west of Scotland has experienced the most severe weather for half a century.

To-day Glasgow had no southward connection with London. In the meantime, trains from the south have been temporarily lost.

Three which left England yesterday were traced in the early hours of the morning. One of them, carrying all Scotland's Sunday papers, was stranded between Carlisle and Beattock.

One train, which left Glasgow yesterday at 10 a.m., is still at Beattock, and the railway made arrangements to feed the passengers.

It is hoped to rescue them some time to-day.

Many sailors and soldiers on leave were stranded in Glasgow when south-bound trains were suspended. Skating On Serpentine

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—All British newspapers published pictures taken during the cold spell of a foot of ice, the details of which were released for publication abroad yesterday by the censor.

Among other things the pictures show skating on the Serpentine, ice-floes in Morecambe Bay and tugs breaking up the ice in the River Thames.

WESTERN FRONT

RAIN CHURNS UP THE MUD

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A drizzle is falling on the western front, reducing visibility to a minimum and stopping all activity.

Roads are being churned into mud. Patrol activity on the front itself, however, is continuing.

Certain Activity

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—To night's French communique states that aviation and artillery have shown a certain amount of activity on the Western Front.

STALIN'S INVADERS SMASHED

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Soviet detachments, attempting a turning movement at Alitokjok were repelled and left 350 dead.

The Soviet air force attacked the districts of Kolla, Lovisa, Hango and Rauma, and bombed Hyvinkaa in north Finland.

Two Soviet planes were brought down, while Finnish fighters bombed Soviet concentration points and columns of troops.

Holmings had two air raid alarms but no bombs were dropped on the city.

Heavy Red Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". HELSINKI, Jan. 30 (UP).—A Finnish communique claims that approximately 800 Russians were killed in a battle north-east of Lake Ladoga yesterday.

One hundred and sixty Russians laid down their arms and were made prisoners of war. The Russians launched an attack in the Alitokjok sector, but were repulsed, leaving 450 dead in the field. Anti-aircraft guns shot down a Soviet bomber at Pasila, on the outskirts of Helsinki.

Most reliable estimates are that in the current disastrous offensive, the Russians have lost 6,500 killed and over 20,000 wounded. It is estimated that 2,000 of the wounded have frozen to death.

BIG OPIUM SEIZURE

Shanghai Raid On Norwegian Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—Customs and river police carried out a joint raid yesterday on the Norwegian steamer Sandviken.

Following a search of the ship, opium valued at 2,000,000 yuan was discovered.

This constitutes the biggest narcotic haul in Shanghai for years. No suspects have been arrested.

The opium was found secreted in special containers hidden under the cargo.

JAPANESE START ANTI-U.S. "HATE"

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his overwhelming ambition and blind jealousy of General Kai-shek, has sold his birthright for a mess of poisonous pottage."

Inspired Attack On Wang Ching-wei

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—"Pravda" denounces "the traitor, Wang Ching-wei," stating that the object of the agreement with Japan was to place China in a position was to complete subservience to Japan.

The fact that the question of formation of a government by Wang has been resurrected indicates "the ever-increasing difficulties Japan is encountering in China."

"Izvestia," studying the economic position of Japan, gives a long account of the strain of war on the Japanese agricultural system and emphasises Japan's lack of foreign exchange, raw material and shrinking foreign trade.

Observers here are wondering if there is any connection between the anti-Japanese articles and the present trade talks.

It is generally believed that the Japanese are holding out for cessation of Soviet aid to General Chiang Kai-shek and recognition of some puppet government, while commercially Japan is reported to be offering Russia piece goods and wants in exchange oil, timber and iron ore.

Negotiations are not far advanced.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,365 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£ .87 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	£ .89 n.
Chartered	£ .82 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	11 3/4 n.
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East Asia	78 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	207 n.
Union	470 n.
China Underwriter	174 n.
H.K. Fire & Shipping	180 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Douglases	100 n.
Steamboats	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P.	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	78 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	103 n.
Docks	20 3/4 n.
Providents	4.40 n.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	280 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	13/-
Rauha	10 n.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS	
Hotels	5.15 n.
Lands	33.70 n.
Lands 4 1/2 Debenbury	100 n.
Star Lands Sh.	1 1/4 n.
Humphreys	3 1/4 n.
H.K. Realities	4.60 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	68 1/4 n.
Y. Ferries	24 1/4 n.
China Lights (old)	7.70 n.
China Lights (new)	4.4 n.
H.K. Electric	53 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	1.20 n.
Sandakan Light	1 1/4 n.
Telephone (old)	24 1/4 n.
Telephones (new)	9.60 n.
Tractions s/-	19/0 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19/0 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$.14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$.12 n.
Wing On	1 n.
Cements	18 1/4 n.
H.K. Ropes	6.00 n.

STORES, ETC.	
Dairy Farms (old)	22 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 n.
Wing On	1 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/4 n.
Sinceres	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	1 n.
Powell, Ltd.	1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	34 1/4 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	170 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	48 1/4 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	6.00 n.
Constructions (old)	1 1/4 n.
Constructions (new)	1 1/4 n.
Vinco Pilling	8 1/4 n.
C. Govt. 5% 1925	50 n.
G. Bonds	50 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	102 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 Loan	98 1/4 n.
Marmans (Lon.) s/-	15/0 n.
Marmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1890. A telegram has been received from Miss Nellie Dill, of the New York "World," announcing that she has proved victorious in her race round the world against Atlas Island, the representative of a rival journal.

There was unveiled on the 18th ult., in the Abbey Church, Dunfermline, handsome monumental brass over the tomb of King Robert the Bruce, whose remains were discovered in a vault beneath the church in 1816. The ceremony was performed by Lady Louisa Bruce, a collateral descendant of the great Scottish King, and among those taking part in the proceedings was the Earl of Blyth.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1915. A farmer at Ping Yuen Village has reported to the police that his pony has been captured by a tiger. The pony was tethered near the house.

P. C. Goucher went to the spot and found the paws of the tiger near the corpse of the pony, which was partly eaten. The paws measured eight inches across.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1930. Over 600 delegates representing women's societies in New York State listened, more or less patiently, while Miss Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, and one of the new long skirts, fresh from Paris, explained why the long, flowing lines of the garment were more beautiful than the present knee-length skirt.

"Common charity," declared Miss Lawrence, "demands that some women's knees shall be concealed, and actually all women will profit by the fashion because suggestion is always more flattering than revelation."

The delegates, however, did not appear enthusiastic and later applauded vigorously one of their number who declared with great positiveness that "American women will never surrender the freedom experienced in knee-length skirts nor submit to the little coterie of meal-ticket-seeking Frenchmen in Paris."

While this was going on in the hall another dress, reformer, in the person of Miss Jeanne Vinalmar, dramatic soprano, paraded the streets of New York, wearing wide light trousers and a dark-green blouse.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 30, 1935. Dr. Francis Cho Min-wei, head of the Central China College in Hanchow, said that the Japanese piecemeal invasion of China was being undertaken with a view to ultimately excluding from Asia the people of the white race.

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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

KOWLOON TAKE FULL POINTS FROM THE ARMY

FOR THE SECOND SATURDAY in succession I was lucky enough to find two senior League matches with only a wire fence between them at Sookunpoo, and consequently was able to see quite a bit of both.

Winch Bowls Splendidly For Craigengower Against Indians

The game on the Club ground was cancelled on Friday afternoon by the University—so I am informed—who could not raise a side. They managed, however, to raise a second eleven for their League game with Civil Service second, though to my surprise they played a leading bowler and a leading batsman of their first eleven in this second team.

There are bound to be people turning out now for the first and now for the second, but they are those on the fringe of the first team and not established members of it. But I should have been interested to know if the Varsity could have raised a side had it been a first division League game! The cancelling of friendlies has been the great argument for a League always.

WEBB COMES OFF

THE ARMY first team had much to thank Webb and Skipwith for in their score of 130. The former is an excellent batsman when he gets going, but a very bad beginner, and I learn that just before I arrived he was badly dropped in the slips. He played some very nice cricket afterwards and collected 59 before a good break-back from Robert Lee clean bowled him.

PATCHY KOWLOON BATTING

A SCORE of 130 presented few terrors to the very strong K.C.C. batting side, but there were three failures, and it was not until Lloyd joined E. C. Finch that the runs were hit off. Anderson once again exceeded the half century while Ernie Finch made some pretty shots in his 22.

Craigengower Do Well

CRAIENGOWER gave the I.R.C. a great fright, and at one time I thought they were going to pull the game off, but the Indians had a couple of useful batsmen in hand at the end. The start of the game was sensational as H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling and F. R. Zimmer were sent back before ten runs were on the board. A. R. H. Esmail saved them, and played an extremely good innings. The great bulk of the runs were scored in his two partnerships with C. Souza, who recovered some of his form, and E. A. Lee. Souza was out to a very foolish attempt to drive Minu's good length faster ball. Lee, who succeeded, might have been out to any of the first five balls he received, one of which he snickered for four through the slips.

SPLENDID BOWLING BY WINCH

TO GET 121 RUNS in an hour and a half on the I.R.C. ground was a task that should have been well within the powers of the home side, especially as the out field was so fast that the ball shot to the boundary. But as it happened they found Winch in splendid form. Bowling pretty fast from the Tung Wah end and making the ball come back a bit he soon had the batsmen in trouble. He bowled both A. H. Rumlina and Nazarin, and when he got A. E. Madar taken at the wicket things began to look serious for the Indians.

MIGHT HAVE WON

BUT FOR KITCHELL, who was playing the bowling well, but who could find little chance to score, Craigengower might have won. But the wicket was held up until Billmorla got M. El Arcull in the deep,

Further Change In Rugger Fifteen

A further change has been made in the composition of the Interport rugby fifteen. D. H. Stewart, wing three-quarter, is unable to go and H. Van Leeuwen, Captain of the Club "A" XV, has been invited to take his place.

and then Kitchell was smartly taken at deep mid-off by Souza. With ten minutes or more to go there was still a chance, but Winch had tired, and I smell presented no difficulties to A. M. Rumlina and Baker, and they played out time.

It is difficult to say whether it was good bowling or unenterprising batting that led to a miserable total of 179 runs being scored in four hours cricket. Possibly a bit of both.

C. S. First Success

THE CIVIL SERVICE Second Eleven won their first League match on Saturday by three runs only. However, as I have remarked elsewhere it wasn't such a bad performance as N. Singh took 6 wickets for 52 runs, and he is a First Eleven star bowler. Batting, G. Hong Choy made 49 runs. He also is a member of the First Eleven.

The Civil Service batted first, and showed a welcome amount of general success. No less than six players made scores between 10 and 20. Under the circumstances their total of 112 was satisfactory. They managed to get their opponents out for 109.

Fenton, who went on first change, took 5 for 23 in 43 overs. Buckle and Bond were a bit expensive taking two wickets each. Incidentally, notice that neither Robertson nor MacGowan were playing for the Civil Service.

Return To Form

THE KOWLOON and Army Second match has already been dealt with, and I will only remark here that Man seems to have come back to form with the bat, while Patterson was again successful. The K.C.C. will have to get a move on if they are going to be in the running this year.

Police Win Friendly

THE CRAIENGOWER Second Eleven made an unexpectedly poor showing against the Police who batted first and made 161. Loughlin (41), was ably assisted by Clarke (24) and Stevens (26, not out) while in the bowling Pope had one of his good days. His figures read 8-1-27-6. Craigengower could manage no more than 80.

Bishop Sargent's Side

I SEE that Bishop Sargent, who has come down here, I understand, for a short visit, has managed to preserve his cricket interest in spite of the calls of his episcopal duties. He took a team, mostly from the schools here to play an "A" side of the Club de Recreo, who were, of course, rather too strong for their visitors. They knocked up 200 for 7 wickets, but they failed to get out Bishop Sargent's eleven who put up 107 for 7 wickets. A. G. M. Prata batted all through for 48 not out.

Schoolboy Cricket Prodigy

10 Wickets For 53 And 367 Not Out

SYDNEY, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Australia continues to produce boy cricket prodigies. The latest is a Queensland schoolboy named Kenneth Mackay, who, by taking all ten wickets for 58 runs and following up with an innings of 367 not out, performed one of the most remarkable feats in cricket.

Mackay helped his club, Virginia, to score 653 runs against Sherwood, and by doing so he carried his aggregate for the season to 1,031 runs at an average of 51.5. Mackay's score is not a record for school cricket, but his notable "double" is probably the first of its kind.

The biggest innings on record was made in a junior house match at Clifton College (England) in 1899 by A. E. J. Collins, who scored 628 not out in 8 hours 50 minutes, spread over five afternoons.

Successful Week-end Shoot Arranged By Dockyard Club

THE WEEK-END SHOOT at the Kowloon City Ranges was held under the auspices of the Dockyard Rifle Club, and 130 members were attracted to participate in a number of interesting and novel events.

Although firing took place in rather poor light with a fairly strong cross wind, performances on the whole were good. Twenty-six marksmen had scores of 90 and over in the aperture sights class, while Q.M.S. J. Ball again put up an excellent performance in the open sights class with a score of 95, securing the nett spoon.

Prizes under special conditions were awarded at 200, 500 and 600 yards. These were won by L.A.C. L. R. Hunt, of the R.A.F. (aperture) and Pte. R. A. Castro (open sights) at 200 yards; by Lt. C. Otway, R.E., and Pte. T. Duggan, R. Scots, at 500 yards, and by Capt. F. P. Sequiera, Volunteers (five bulls) and Insp. Ali Mohamed, H.K. Police (five magpies) at 600 yards.

The team shoot between Royal Engineers and the Royal Air Force in the semi-final round of the Belliss Shield Competition was won by the Sappers, who scored 523 points.

In the revolver match at 10 and 15 yards, the nett spoon was won by

U.S. Tennis Players Barred From Europe

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—No American lawn tennis players will be authorized to play in Europe at present. This decision was made by the American Lawn Tennis Association after receiving an invitation from Italy to send players to their next championships, to be held in Rome.

Sgt. K. C. Hoo, of the Police Reserves, who secured 53 points out of a possible 60; while the handicap spoon was won by Mr. W. A. Tansley, formerly of the Hongkong Police Reserves.

COMMODORE COMPETES

Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, of the Manchester Regiment, won the open event in the Clay Bird Shoot with 17 out of 25 and Mr. A. F. Evans won the handicap spoon. Among the competitors were Commodore A. M. Peters and Flag Lt. W. A. Elliott.

To-morrow's shooting on the Kowloon City Ranges will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards, while there will also be revolver shooting at 15 and 20 yards. Results of Sunday's shooting was as follows:

Aperture Sights	Handicap	200	500	600	Ttl.
Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.
Capt. S. P. Sequiera Ser.	31	31	31	31	124
P.A. W. Gilpin Ser.	29	29	29	29	116
Lt. A. J. Le Goff Ser.	28	28	28	28	112
Mr. J. A. Guard Ser.	27	27	27	27	108
Sgt. F. E. Russell Ser.	26	26	26	26	104
P.A. W. Cooper Ser.	25	25	25	25	100
S/P.W.P. Thompson 2	24	24	24	24	96
Sgt. R. H. Thompson Ser.	23	23	23	23	92
Minor S. White Ser.	22	22	22	22	88
Lt. C. Otway Ser.	21	21	21	21	84
Mr. W. Trenchard Ser.	20	20	20	20	80
Sgt. (R) C. C. Chau Ser.	19	19	19	19	76
C/Sgt. P. Hale Ser.	18	18	18	18	72
Imp. A. Hopkin Ser.	17	17	17	17	68
P.W. W. Kilduff Ser.	16	16	16	16	64
Sgt. (R) A. C. Chan 2	15	15	15	15	60
A.S.P. (R) D. Lio 1	14	14	14	14	56
Sgt. P. H. Thong Ser.	13	13	13	13	52
Sgt. G. Perkins 3	12	12	12	12	48
Sgt. C. E. Bruce Ser.	11	11	11	11	44
L.A.C. L. R. Hunt 4	10	10	10	10	40
Cpl. F. Cole 1	9	9	9	9	36
C. G. Dawson Ser.	8	8	8	8	32
P. S. Chunchai Singh 3	7	7	7	7	28
L/Cpl. S. G. Bright Ser.	6	6	6	6	24
Lt. P. V. V. Ribeiro Ser.	5	5	5	5	20

Qualifiers At Kowloon

W. C. Hung (83-16-75) and Ramsay (84-8-75) qualified for the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup competition during the past week-end. The draw for the first round of the competition will be announced later.	
Q.M.S. J. Ball Ser.	31
P.S.A. F. Mader 2	29
Sgt. W. Gowan 10	27
L/Cpl. J. M. Xavier 7	26
Sgt. F. E. Russell Ser.	25
Pte. W. Proven 11	24
Cpl. J. Berry 7	23
Sgt. J. H. Way 4	22
L/Cpl. T. H. Wood 7	21
L/Cpl. A. Daquino 6	20
Sgt. P. F. Rushman 9	19
P.C. Narain Singh 7	18
Stamm. N. J. Booker 13	17
W. C. Hung 4	16
L/Sgt. W. Wynn 4	15
C.S.M. J. C. E. Mead Nil	14
Sgt. J. H. Way 4	13
L/Sgt. (R) N. L. Pan 7	12
Sgt. J. P. Baleros 6	11
Pte. J. Scott 7	10
Bdman. D. Bolam 0	9
L/Sgt. Purn Singh 4	8
Pte. R. A. Castro 10	7
Mr. R. Tynemouth 0	6
Pte. J. A. Hyslop 1	5
Cpl. J. A. Hyslop 1	4
P.C. Chanan Singh 5	3
Cpl. A. F. Ferreira 11	2
Winner of Nett spoon winner	1
Handicap spoon winner of "or" 1 will have his handicap reduced by one point.	



Taylor (Civilians' goalkeeper) scooping the ball from the toes of Hau Ching-to (Combined Chinese) in the Lal Wah Cup match at Causeway Bay on Sunday. Maxwell (Civilians) is close behind. The Chinese won 4-2.—Mae Cheung.

Golf Mayhew And Smith In Captain's Cup Final

IN THE SEMI-FINALS of the match play stages of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition (1939) during the week-end, J. W. Mayhew (10) beat D. S. Edward (4) three and two, and J. T. Smith (2) beat N. K. Littlejohn (10) six and five.

STUBBS SHIELD

Third round results in the Stubbs Shield competition were as follows: Asiatic Petroleum Co. beat Leigh and Orange three and two; Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps beat Dedwell and Co. at the 10th, Harbour

AUSTRALIAN SINGLES TITLE FOR QUIST

SYDNEY, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—In the Australian tennis championship final, Adrian Quist beat Jack Crawford 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Office best Butterfield and Swire at the 20th Royal Army Medical Corps beat Chinese Maritime Customs one up.

Qualifiers At Kowloon

W. C. Hung (83-16-75) and Ramsay (84-8-75) qualified for the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup competition during the past week-end. The draw for the first round of the competition will be announced later.

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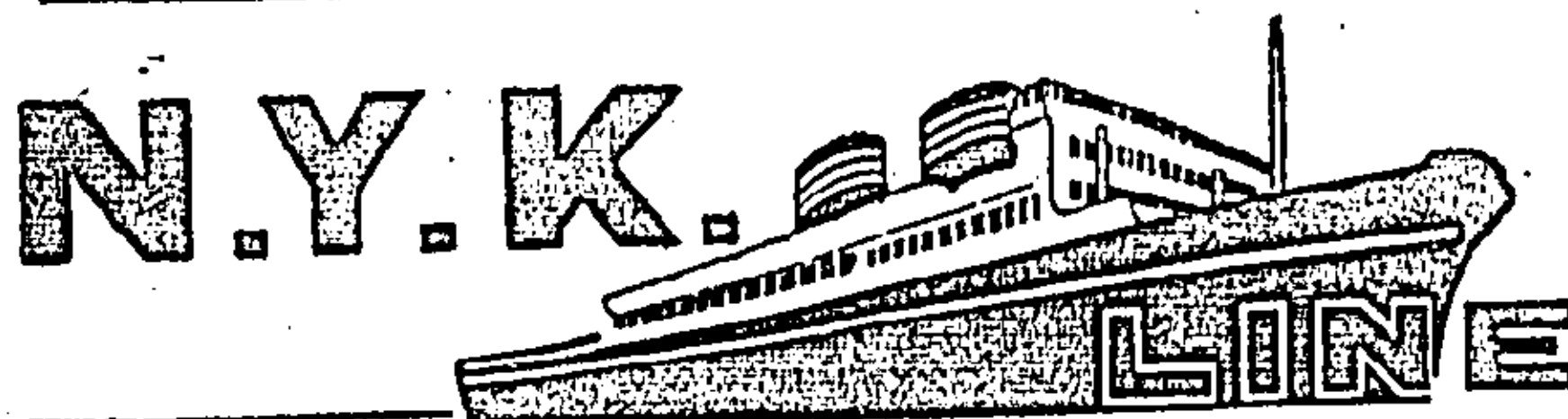
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Protectorate in the Pacific,
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pretty.

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public debt, no housing prob-
lem.

And the Colonial Office
report for 1938, which men-
tions these blessings, adds:
"Labour, in the ordinary
sense of the term, may be
said not to exist."

Another name for the
group is the Friendly Is-
lands. Appropriate, isn't it?

5,000,000

Maps Ready

For B.E.F.

By PHILIP JORDAN
News Chronicle Correspondent
with the B.E.F.

NEARLY half a million maps
issued to the British Expeditionary
Force in the first month of the war;
and although the rate of consumption
has declined since then, it is still high.
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deposits—and by no means the largest
of them—the B.E.F. keeps a reserve
that is never allowed to fall below
5,000,000 sheets.

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This means a storage space on a
large scale, for 5,000 maps and their
wooden containers weigh half a ton.
Ideal storage room has been found
in a hall that was once used for al-
most every form of collective enter-
prise in which the local inhabitants
engaged.

Part of the maps store is in the
auditorium of what was a theatre,
and the most secret of the maps dwell
under permanent lock and key in a
room where post-natal instruction
was once given to nursing mothers.
Whenever any part of the Army
moves from one location to another
it has to be provided with every map
that it is likely to need, and so
mobile and constantly moving a field
force as ours keeps the map-men per-
manently busy.

From Overseas
Most of these men come from the
Ordnance Survey Department at
Southampton, and the majority are
expert surveyors, capable of pro-
ducing maps by the quickest and
most modern methods, which is from
aerial photographs.

They gained their experience in
colonial surveys, and among them you
will find men drawn from practically
every quarter of the globe to con-
tinue in war the work that they have
always done in peace.

They have many jobs out here, not
the least of which is correcting the
mistakes and remedying the de-
ficiencies in existing maps, some of
which were prepared upon inaccurate
and misleading data.

They Print Them

It is particularly important that the
gunners should have a truly accurate
map, for modern guns are so ac-
curate that any slight deviation in
the maps from which they work may
render their efforts useless, or, at
the best, delay the achievement of max-
imum effectiveness.

And they print maps, too. They
have mobile units in specially con-
structed lorries, and on these units
they can print thousands of one-
colour maps in an hour. Farther
back the B.E.F. prints maps in as
many colours as necessary, and upon
whatever scales are considered
advisable.

Without maps an army would be
paralysed; and for that reason our
various map depots are widely scat-
tered and are surrounded with some
secrecy.

That does not stop them from
being able to produce almost con-
ceivably useful maps at a minute's
notice. Their card indexes are as
efficient as their surveying and their
printing.

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wife joined him in Singapore, where
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WAR BRIDE WINS RACE TO WEDDING

AN amazing dash by car, a race against time to organise a
wedding in half an hour, and a final rush through the
village by the daughter of a famous peer, to find a ring.
These incidents figured in the wedding-day of twenty-four-
year-old Miss Freda Noworthy and Private Ernest Oxland,
thirty-year-old British soldier now serving somewhere in France.

REFUSED BAPTISM TO BABY RIBBENTROP

ONE reason why Dr.
Niemoeller, the German
pastor, is now in a concen-
tration camp is that he re-
fused to accept into his
Church by baptism a child
of Hitler's henchman, Rib-
bentrop.

This was disclosed at Black-
heath by the Rev. L. Hilde-
brandt, who ministered for 3½
years in Pastor Niemoeller's
parish.

"Herr von Ribbentrop had been a
member of our Church, but had left,"
Mr. Hildebrandt said.

"Because of this, Pastor Niemoeller
could not see his way clear, according
to the German Church teaching to
baptise the child."

"Herr von Ribbentrop made a per-
sonal appeal, but the pastor would not
relax."

Mr. Hildebrandt revealed another
reason for Pastor Niemoeller's incar-
ceration.

"General Ludendorff and his wife
wanted to introduce a new religion,
which was non-Aryan and non-
Jewish."

"The pastor refused to worship man
and not God."

The speaker added: "There are
over 1,000 pastors following Dr.
Niemoeller's example in Prussia to-
day."
"But churches are denied them."
"They have to preach in out-of-the-
way places, always with the fear of
arrest before them."

Dr. Martin Niemoeller commanded
U-boat in last war, then became
pastor of Evangelical Church at
Dachau (Berlin); resisted efforts to
"Nazify" the German Church, and
was sent to Sachsenhausen concen-
tration camp.

The story of their wedding reads
like a fairy tale—and the Mrs. Ox-
land of to-day is sure it is going to
end just as happily. Miss Noworthy
was a children's nurse employed by
the Hon. Mrs. James, Lord Shuttle-
worth's daughter, to look after her
grandchildren at Fingest Grove, near
High Wycombe, Bucks. And Mrs.
James is really the heroine of this
real-life drama.

She knew that Miss Noworthy
and Private Oxland were engaged—
knew that they had said, "If war
comes, let us marry at once, rather
than be parted for years."

But Private Oxland, they thought,
was on his way to France and there
could be no leave for him, even to
get married. And even though a
special licence was ready.

Then at 5.15 one afternoon came
a telephone call.

It was Private Oxland. "Can we
be married to-night? I am twenty
miles away now, but I am starting at
once, and I must leave again at three
o'clock in the morning," he said.

"That seemed impossible—the law
says that a wedding must take place
before 6 p.m. Miss Noworthy had
taken the children to tea with friends
who were six miles away."

The household at Fingest leapt
into action.

One relative rushed off to bring
the girl home by car, while Mrs.
James hurried to the village to find
the vicar.

It was a quarter to six when the
bride-to-be breathlessly arrived.

"We Haven't A Ring"

Twelve minutes before the hour,
a ram-shackle car dashed up the
drive and out jumped Private
Oxland.

Mrs. James drove their car to
church at breath-taking speed, only
to find the vicar pointing to the
clock.

It was three minutes to six!
"But," they protested, "the clock
is fast!"

They were right, and seconds later
bride and bridegroom stood before
the altar.

Suddenly the bride exclaimed,
"But we haven't got a ring!"

Mrs. James made frantic efforts to
remove her own wedding ring, but
forty years of wearing had fixed it
for ever.

She ran out of the church to a
neighbouring cottage. She put her
head through a window and, to a
bewildered family sitting at tea,
screamed, "Quick—a ring. I can't
get them married without one."

The ring was found, and Mrs.
James ran up the aisle just in time
to press it into the bridegroom's hand.

French Colonies Rally To Aid Of The Republic

A RECENT broadcast of the French
Minister for Colonies, M. Mandel,
provided an impressive survey of the
support afforded to France by her
colonies.

Neither Algeria, which is under
the Ministry of the Interior, nor the
Protectorates, such as Tunisia and
Morocco, which are under the Minis-
try of Foreign Affairs, were included
in his review.

"Between 1914 and 1918," he said,
"the colonies sent 3,441,000 tons of
goods to the metropolis, the Govern-
ment obtained from the Colonies
1,600,000 tons of cereals, 1,100,000
tons of oleaginous products, 800,000
tons of wood, coal and rubber, as
well as other food products. A total
far exceeding the whole of what was
supplied during the 50 months of
the last war."

"In spite of difficulties of transport,
France has received these materials
in 89 ships of a total of 270,000 tons.

Decree Nisi For Admiral Formerly Served In Singapore

A FORMER Singapore naval
commodore, Rear-Admiral Mar-
shall Llewellyn Clarke was
granted a divorce in London
last month. A former Singa-
pore army officer was cited as
co-respondent.

Rear-Admiral Clarke was granted
a decree nisi, with costs on the
ground of the adultery of his wife
with George Macdonald, described as
"a major in the army."

The case was not defended.
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wife joined him in Singapore, where
Major Macdonald was stationed, in
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don flat and at a Knightsbridge hotel.

and the normal exports of the Colo-
nies to foreign countries have also
been maintained.

"When the present Cabinet was
formed, it immediately set about in-
creasing the share of the colonies in
national defence and strengthening
colonial effectiveness by nearly 50 per
cent."

"The result has been that in the
course of a few weeks we have mo-
bilized more soldiers in our overseas
possessions than was done during the
whole of the war of 1914-1918. In
spite of seven successive calls to the
colours."

"On all sides the native population
press to join France. When asked
why they are so anxious to serve
with the colours the natives answer:
"But it is quite natural. France is
good and just . . . and then Germany
is the enemy of native races."

The native populations are aware
that the German propaganda is found-
ed upon a conception of racial
superiority. The chief of the Reich
himself, in the master-book in which
he formulated his programme, treated
Negroes as half-apes (demi-singes),
and accused of "criminal folly" those
who "sinned," he said, "against the
Creator in according them political
rights."

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Orkney children, instead of
going to school, receive their
lessons by post.

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with their lessons copies of a cir-
cular on "How the War is Going."

It is designed to keep the children
abreast of the war's developments
and reviews the war at home, at sea
and abroad for the preceding week.

The Orkney Education authority
planned the scheme of lessons by
post rather than involve the cost of
providing air raid shelters in scat-
tered island schools.

Four schools with nearly 150 chil-
dren aged up to 14 are affected.

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STALIN WANTS A GREAT NAVY

(Continued from Page 4.)
sian yards have been built since
1925.

Commenting on some of the
entries in the register, the
"Shipbuilding Record" stated it
is highly probable that speeds
of vessels have been entered
with a degree of enthusiastic
optimism. Two examples illus-
trate this. It is doubtful whether
an icebreaker built in a
well-known British yard in 1899
would still maintain the 12 knots
claimed by the register, or if
a cargo vessel of 1,600 tons, also
built in a well-known British
yard in 1898, would still be able
to reach 10½ knots. Probably
the most extreme case of this
description is the Pestel, origin-
ally a cargo and passenger
steamer built on the Tyne in
1890, which is stated to be cap-
able of 12 knots.

The largest ship in the Soviet
register is the Nikolai Elov,
classed as a passenger and cargo
ship of 9,180 tons. She was
formerly the Dominia, a cable-
ship of 14½ knots, built on the
Tyne in 1926. She was sub-
sequently sold to Russia.

The Biggest Job

The biggest job on hand in
the Russian shipyards at the
moment is an ocean-going cargo
vessel, the Trud, said to be of
19,000 tons displacement. She is
the largest ship laid down in a
Soviet shipyard, and is expected

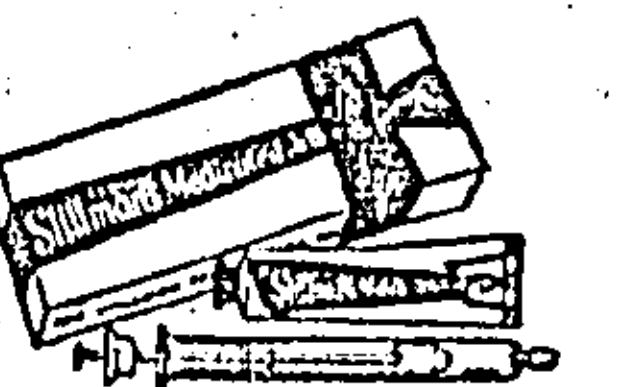
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ald" records, under construction
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she is to be completed in 1941
she will have taken longer to
build than it takes Clydebank to
construct a first-class 80,000
tonner.

Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS
1-Kind of rubber
2-Fruit
3-Part of church
4-Mare
5-Sharp
6-Musical instrument
7-Careless
8-Leave out
9-Animal
10-Burial
11-Network
12-Man's name
13-Tail-tale
14-Drink
15-Wool yarn
16-Treat totally
17-Imitate
18-Cut off edges
19-Little bit
20-Thick
21-Female horse
22-Hearing organ
23-Start to form edge
24-Pain
25-Mine entrance
26-Limb
27-Decay
28-Grow
29-Charity
30-Exchange premium
31-Heavenly body
32-Plant
33-Expert

DOWN
1-Enamored of force
2-Fatal wounds
3-Dwarf
4-Male deer
5-Expert

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1-Lease
2-Powers
3-Left healthy
4-Sig
5-Shooting star
6-Median
7-Mocking device
8-Presently
9-Divergence
10-Wait upon
11-Time out
12-African valley
13-Frank
14-Tort
15-Not bright
16-Steel
17-Heavy metal
18-Kitchen mistake
19-Chart
20-Part of year
21-Bottles
22-Heretic
23-Lizards
24-Clothes-moth
25-Primitive boat
26-Pointed arch
27-Wheel rim
28-Yielding
29-Dumplings follow
30-Power name
31-Dunston rock

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A Physician discusses
Family Food Values

only a little for repairing tissues used up by work.

On the other hand, if hard manual work is a part of the adult's job, he or she needs more fuel food, that is to say, more carbohydrate, than the child.

With a perversity which is typical of the grown-up, it is, as a rule, the man who gets the meat and the child the bread and jam.

Vitamins are essential chemicals which are to be found in most food-stuffs, but some foods are more valuable in this respect than others. It is a job to choose the best if you know little about the subject.

You won't go far wrong if your daily menu contains fresh fruit, eggs, milk and cheese, with, perhaps, a liver fish once a week.

You can fill up the gaps with a daily dose of cod liver oil. This is plentiful now and is packed with vitamins which build up a strong resistance to winter flus and chills.

Watch Your Appetite

As regards amount, if your appetite is not over-whetted by a particularly good cook and fare is plain but good, it won't lead you far astray.

It is possible to exist—and exist is the right word—on concentrated food-stuffs of the right kind and amount, but there is much to be said for the good old "blow-out" if it happens no more than once a day.

A feeling of repulsion after a good meal is a mental tonic, and we all need some sort of boost these dark days.

But don't forget that eating too well can become a habit, and not a good habit at that.

Can I have some tea in my milk, too?

The right food gives us warmth and energy, as that we can carry on with our work. It builds up the young and repairs the wear and tear of the adult.

The ideal proportions of the three great constituents—protein, carbohydrates and fats, are these—Protein one-sixth, fat one-sixth, carbohydrate two-thirds.

Fats may be increased in cold weather with advantage, at the expense of the carbohydrate intake.

That is why people who want to slim cut them down.

Children should have their full share of the body-builders.

They need more protein than the adult who has stopped growing and needs

Mineral salts, which are found in most foodstuffs, and water complete the necessary ingredients.

Proteins are the body-building, repairing stuffs and are contained in all meat, fish, eggs and milk. Fats need no explanation; carbohydrates are all the sugars and starches.

You find the latter in cereals, wheat, jam, treacle and so on. They are all reduced to sugar in the process of digestion, and if you have too much of them they form extra fat. That is why people who want to slim cut them down.

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I HAVE FOUND—

THAT each cord will not wear out quickly if rubbed over occasionally with a soft rag dipped in hot linseed oil.

When scrubbing the copper after boiling clothes, add a little ammonia to the water. This removes soap curd, which is difficult once it becomes hard.

Before using a new casserole temper it first by rubbing the inside with a raw onion, then fill with cold water and bring to the boil. Let the water cool in the casserole. J. J.

SHORT CUTS

To clean old brass use salt moistened with vinegar.

Patty shells for chicken a la king or creamed vegetables may be made from stale bread. Cut out cup-shaped molds; paint with melted butter, using a pastry brush; brown under flame in a hot oven and serve at once.

Beetroot Chutney

AN economical and appetising chutney to serve with cold meat.

Ingred: 3lb. beetroot, 1½lb. apples, 2 large onions, ½lb. sugar, ½ teasp. ground ginger, juice of 1 lemon, 1 teasp. salt, 1 pint vinegar.

Boil beetroot in salted water for 1½ hours, then skin and cut into cubes. Chop apples and boil for 20 minutes in vinegar to which sugar, lemon juice, salt, ginger and chopped onions have been added.

Add beetroot and boil for further 15 minutes. When the chutney is cool, bottle and tie down.

Cheese Replaces Meat

By JUDITH WILSON

CHEESE is high in nutritive value and an excellent and inexpensive substitute for meat. One pound of cheese is said to contain as much fuel value as two pounds of meat. Cheese may be added to white sauce and served with boiled rice or boiled vegetables or plain on toast. It may be combined with

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If you are making any knitwear garments for yourself, or for present or future, you should use angora wool, for this is to be the wool of the moment this season.

Not only are jumpers made of this delightful material, but it is also being used for dressing-jackets, bed wraps, and for a neat set of by many professional knitters.

Even gloves and ankle-socks are being knitted in angora, in two and sometimes three colours. A good idea is to knit a complete set consisting of jumper, scarf, hood, gloves and socks, in three shades, using one as the basic shade and working in the others in stripes round the bottom of the jumper, the ends of the scarf, the cuffs of the gloves, and the turn-down of the socks.

Some people avoid using angora as they are uneasy how it washes. There is no need to worry about this point, however, for it will wash quite successfully if you use the same precautions as you would for washing other wools.

Use a lukewarm lather made of a good brand of soap flakes, and be very careful with the rinsing, using three clear rinsing waters at least, more if the third still shows traces of soapiness after use.

Do not hang jumpers, dressing-jackets, or similar garments until they are almost dry, and then hang them up on a coat-hanger. Gloves should be put on wire glove dryers and hung up, and socks should be hung by the toe, leg downwards.

Do not put any wool articles too near artificial heat to dry or they will tend to harden. Hang them in the sun when possible, and when dry shake them until the fluffiness comes back to the wool. A good angora should not require brushing up.

left-over cereal, and shaped into cakes and baked in the oven or browned in a little fat in a pan. A meatless loaf made with rice and cottage cheese is a tasty and satisfying main dish for supper or luncheon.

MEATLESS LOAF

1 cup cooked rice
1 egg
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup crushed peanuts
1 tablespoon butter or other fat
¼ teaspoon pepper
Combine all ingredients and bake in a greased loaf pan in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes. Serves 6.

CHEESE AND POTATO CROQUETTES

1 cup cottage cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 rounded teaspoon chopped green pepper
¼ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne
Dash of paprika

Combine ingredients in the order named and mix very thoroughly. Form into small rolls. Press each roll in mashed potatoes which have been seasoned with salt and pepper, forming a larger roll of each. Roll the finished croquettes in egg and bread crumbs and fry in a pan containing about 1 tablespoon of hot fat, or brush with melted fat and brown in a hot oven.

CHEESE FONDUE

1½ cups milk
1½ cups bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1½ cups grated American cheese
Scald milk in double boiler. Add crumbs, butter, well-beaten eggs, salt and pepper. Cook over hot water 5 minutes, and cook slowly until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Serve garnished with toast points.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1 cup macaroni
1½ cups white sauce
¼ cup chopped or grated American cheese
Buttered crumbles
Break macaroni into pieces 1 inch long, boil, strain and rinse. Stir cheese into hot, well-seasoned white sauce and put macaroni and sauce in buttered baking dish in layers. Sprinkle buttered crumbles on top and brown well in a hot oven (400 degrees F.)

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You've Got To Earn Streamlined Figure

By JACQUELINE HUNT

Every woman would probably have insured perfection of line on the screen and in her publicity pictures.

If possible, consult an expert and let her tell you what type of foundation is best for you. Choose different types for different costumes and activities. You should have at least one for dress wear and another for wearing when you work around the house, or take part in your favourite indoor sport.

Do not wear a girdle constantly. Of course, you will leave it off when you exercise, but also leave it off for periods during the day when you are at home. This forces your own muscles to "corset" your mid-section. Remember to stand—and work—with your stomach pulled in, back straight and breasts up. Your shoulders should be comfortably back and down. This will help to train you to carry yourself well later after you have stepped into your girdle.

It's work, of course, but I hope you are enjoying every minute of it, spurred on by the thought that you are making yourself more attractive in the eye of your husband or fiancee and that your women friends will be envious of your youthful appearance.

Don't For Beauty

Here is a list of don'ts for you, if you are overweight and wish to reduce as beautifully as possible:

Don't indulge in between-meal snacks or rich desserts.

Don't wear shorts, or even-tinged skirts.

Don't wear high heels, hoping they'll make you look less dumpy.

Don't wear tiny hats or swim suits with halter tops.

Don't wear bright colours or dress with horizontal lines.

Don't wear brassieres that flatten you.

Don't wear long-haired furs.

Don't choose a long-haired coiffure for yourself.

Don't use too much make-up especially rouge.

Don't rush so that you are always puffing and wheezing.

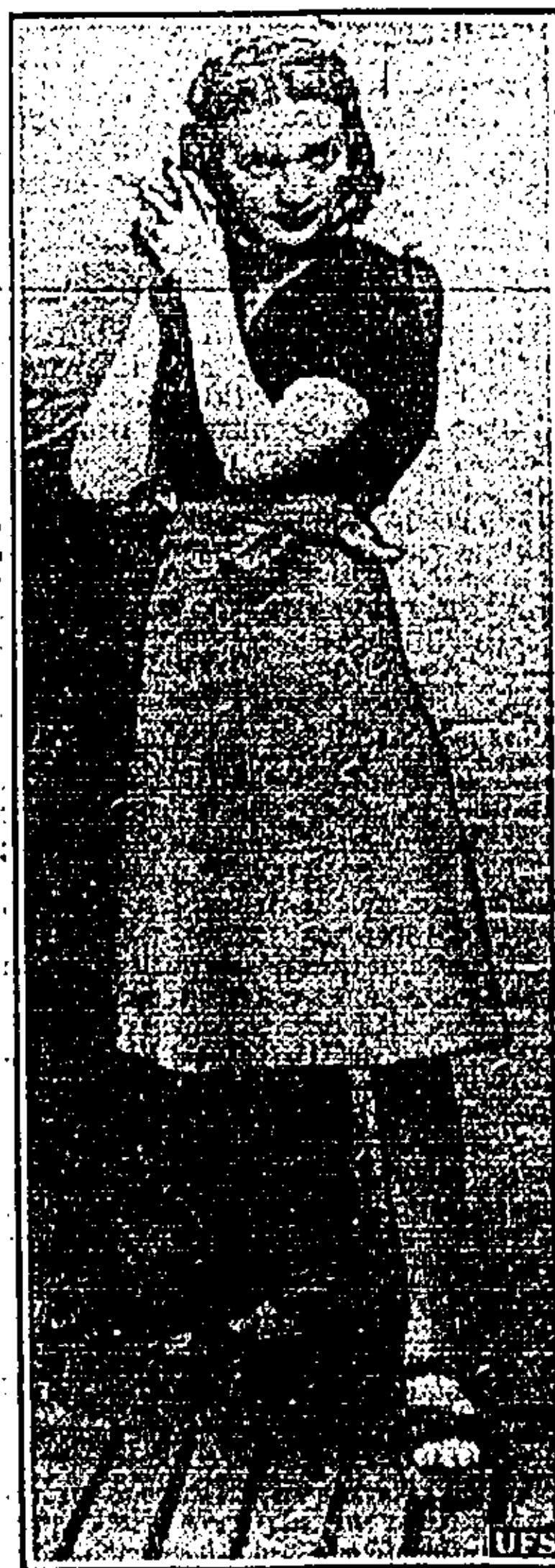
Take your time. Even exercises should be done moderately at first. And you should relax when you have completed your routine.

Flattering Clothes

But this isn't all you need to have a beautiful figure. You need clothes that are smartly cut along lines that are most flattering and most likely to conceal your figure faults—for you do not get results all at once, you know! It may take several months or even a year to accomplish the sylphlike figure you covet.

In the meantime, you need the extra help that a properly designed girdle can give you. A foundation, girdle, all-in-one or pantie will give you better than average lines while you are working and waiting for final results. It will mold away those unsightly bulges about your hips, put fleshy upper thighs in their places, smooth away that lingering trace of a spare tyre about your middle.

Be comforted by the thought that even that slim little movie star you envy has to wear a "foundation" to



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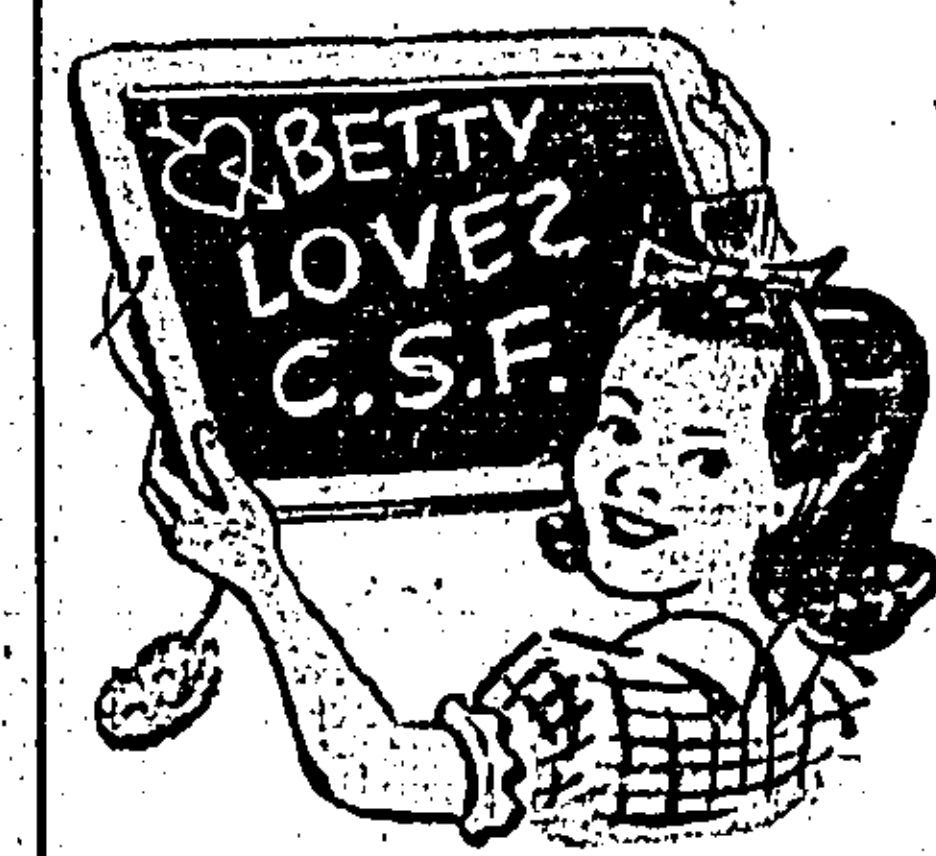
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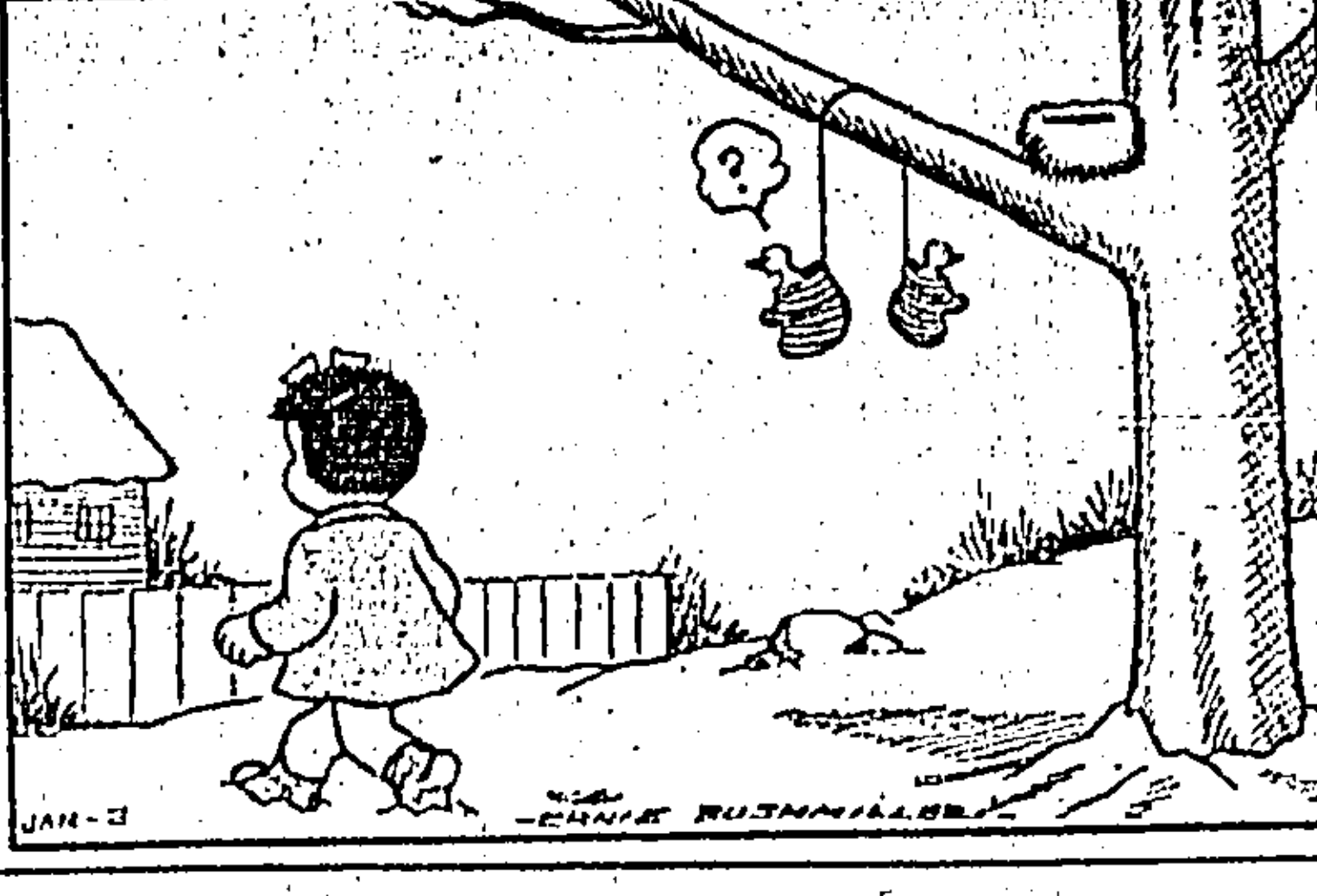
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

NINOTCHKA

Three members of the Russian Board of Trade come to Paris to sell the court jewels of the exiled former Grand Duchess Swana. Wanting, for once, to taste magnificence, they engage the Royal Suite in the Hotel Clarence, and telephone the jeweller, Mercier. A waiter at the hotel, the former Count Alexis Rakonin, overhears the telephone conversation and hastens to the Duchess Swana with the news that her jewels are in Paris to be sold. Count Leon d'Algot, her lover, overhears the mention of jewels.

"RAKONIN, bless him, has given me the most amazing news! I must call my lawyer at once."

"I am sorry, but I have to leave," said Rakonin.

"Thank you so much, my friend. I will get in touch with you."

Duchess Swana put in her call while the maid was showing Rakonin out. Count d'Algot, highly interested, listened to Swana's conversation with her lawyer.

"Oh, Monsieur Cornillon, the most incredible thing has happened. My jewels are here in Paris. Three Bolshevik swines are trying to sell them! We must act at once! Call the police—have them arrested! Well, then get an injunction."

But they are my jewels! There must be some way of getting them back! But how can there be a question? Are you my lawyer or theirs? All right, I'll let you know."

"What did he say?" asked Leon.

"Pretty hopeless, but there may be a chance. The French Government has recognized Soviet Russia and he doubts that it will risk a war for my poor sake. He might make some sort of a case, but it will cost money, money, money! That's all they are interested in, those lawyers!"

"Darling, calm down," said Leon, taking her in his arms. "Why do you need a lawyer? Haven't you your little Volga boatman?"

She looked up at him, hope dawning, and gave him a grateful kiss.

MERCIER, the jeweller, removed the eyepiece through which he had been examining the Duchess Swana's jewels which the three Soviet agents had spread out on a table in the Royal Suite.

"Very good... excellent... superb. It would be foolish to belittle the quality of the gems, but your terms are impossible. My counter offer is the absolute maximum."

"But, Monsieur," objected Kopalski, "the jewels—"

"Gentlemen, I'll let you in on a little secret—we are undertaking this deal only for the prestige involved, and, quite frankly, we expect to take a loss."

Iranoff drew Buljanoff to one side, whispering: "Capitalistic methods!"

"They accumulate millions by taking loss after loss," Kopalski left the jeweller to answer the telephone. "Yes? Count d'Algot? No, no, it must be a mistake. We can't be disturbed?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-C.-M. film by Lobbous Mitchell, which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

"I assure you," continued the jeweller, "no one else could meet the figure named by my syndicate under present economic conditions."

"We can wait," said Kopalski. "Let's put our cards face down, gentlemen. You need money and you need it quickly. Right now there is a Russian commission in New York trying to sell fifteen Rembrandts; another in London mortgaging the oil fields in Baku. Now, my offer is fair and does not even take advantage of your situation."

THE Russian agents again withdrew for a whispered consultation. "He's cutting our throats, but we have to accept," said Iranoff.

"But don't let's give in so quickly," objected Kopalski. "We have to uphold the prestige of Russia."

"All right," said Buljanoff. "Let's uphold it for another ten minutes."

As they returned to the jeweller, there was a knock on the door. Iranoff unlocked it. Count Leon d'Algot introduced himself.

"We don't want to be disturbed. Return later if you want to see us."

"I want a word with Monsieur Mercier," Leon pushed past Iranoff despite the latter's remonstrances and approached the jeweller. "Monsieur Mercier, I am Count Leon d'Algot. I think I had the pleasure of meeting you in your beautiful shop. I was admiring a platinum watch with diamond numbers."

"Oh, yes. Yes, I recall." "I hope you haven't closed the deal for these jewels. It might bring you into serious difficulties."

"Who are you? What do you want?" asked the Soviet agents, getting between Leon and the jeweller spread out on the table.

"These jewels are the property of the Duchess Swana of Russia, and were seized illegally by the Soviet Government. I am acting for Her Highness, the Duchess. Here is my power of attorney."



AS Mercier read the document, Kopalski interjected: "These may have been the property of the Duchess Swana, but, like all private property, they were confiscated by the State."

"We'll leave the problem of their ownership to the French courts," returned Leon. "Meanwhile, I have filed for an injunction to prohibit you from either selling or removing the jewels. Here is a copy." The Russian agents read the injunction, flabbergasted, and Leon turned to the jeweller. "I thought it my duty to warn you, Monsieur Mercier. I would hate to see you get into trouble."

"Thank you," said the jeweller, and addressed the Soviet agents: "This introduces a new element into our negotiations. Until this claim is completely settled, we can do nothing. Understand, my offer stands as soon as you produce a clear title, approved by the French courts. Until then, good day."

"I hope you will forgive me," said Leon as the jeweller made for the door. "On the contrary, I consider myself very lucky. Good day." Leon went back to the discomfited Russians. "Well, gentlemen, how about a little lunch?"

"Get out of here!" commanded Iranoff.

"Don't look so gloomy, gentlemen. All is not lost. You may have a chance—a very slim one. I want to be fair. You might make out some kind of a case."

"We haven't anything to discuss with you," Kopalski broke out angrily. "We'll talk to a lawyer! To our Ambassador!"

"All right, go ahead. You talk to a lawyer and I'll talk to the judge!"

"That won't help you. You can't intimidate us. Soviet Russia will put all its might behind this case."

"I warn you gentlemen, if this case comes to trial it will be before a French court and when a woman so charming, beautiful and exquisite as the Duchess Swana takes the stand—"

"All right, get her on the witness stand. What can she say?" "How will she look? The fashion this spring is very becoming to her." The judge will be French, the jurors will be French, everybody in that court room will be French. And when a beautiful woman sits on the witness stand in a French court and lifts her skirt a little—

"I suppose you expect us to hand over the jewels?" said Iranoff.

"Oh, no, I am not a highwayman. All I'm trying to do is to make things as difficult for you as possible."

"We are not giving in an inch," said Kopalski, "but tell us what is in your mind."

"All right, but let's have a little lunch." Leon went to the telephone and called for room service.

FOR the next hour champagne flowed freely in the Royal Suite of the Hotel Clarence. Lovely cigarette girls were most ingratiating while the Soviet agents were in an admiring and generous mood. It became a loud and hilarious but harmless party. Leon quickly became Leonitchka to the Soviet agents and they were Sascha, Serge and Mischa to him. He sat at a desk, apart from the hubbub, a telegraph blank in front of him. At his call the befuddled agents gathered about him.

"Why should you bother about this telegram to Moscow? I'll write it for you."

"Leon—Leonitchka, why are you so good to us?" said Buljanoff, kissing his cheek.

"Oh, Leon, you are so good," said Kopalski, embracing him.

"What's the name of that Commissar on the Board of Trade?"

"Razin, said Kopalski. "You wouldn't like Razin?"

"He's a bad man," said Buljanoff. "Sends people to Siberia."

"We don't like Razin. But we like you, Leon," said Iranoff. "Don't we like Leon?"

THE question brought on renewed demonstrations of drunken Russian affection, and Leon pushed them away and began to write on the telegraph blank. "There, how does this strike you?" He read the wire.

"Commissar Razin, Board of Trade, Moscow. Unexpected situation here. Duchess Swana in Paris claims jewels and has already brought injunction against sale or removal. After long and careful study we suggest in the interest of our beloved country a fifty-fifty settlement as best solution. Iranoff, Buljanoff, and Kopalski."

"If we say that, Leon, we'll be sent to Siberia!" said Kopalski.

But Rakonin, the waiter, entered with more champagne, and while the agents were busy with that and the cigarette girls, Leon gave the telegram to Rakonin with instructions to send it.

"TO-MORROW THE ENVOY"

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Recordings to-day do not display a great amount of activity they have however, been marked by an impressive rise in Douglases. After remaining nominal for a long while, they have come into prominence. Emerging from total neglect an enquiry set in, without attracting shares, and it was not until to-day, when the rate was advanced to \$100 bid, that any passing of shares took place. At the close the demand was still unsatisfied.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,300
Canton Ins. \$200
Douglases \$100
Wharves \$101
Docks \$20 1/2
Providents \$4.35
Hotels \$5.10
Lands \$33.70
Electric \$35.20
Telephones (Old) \$24
Watsons \$8.00
Entertainments \$6.00

Sellers

Union Ins. \$470
Electric \$56 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan \$102
Douglases \$100
Docks \$20 1/2
Providents \$4.40
Hotels \$5.15
Telephones (Old) \$24 1/2
Cements \$18 1/2

PETS SCARCE

Owing to the "panic destruction" of thousands of pets when war broke out last September there is a shortage in London of kittens and puppies. As a result, people who evacuated find on returning that mice or rats are over-running their homes. More than 60,000 dogs and cats were destroyed and buried by the P.D.S.A. last September, but now officials are receiving countless requests for new pets.

RADIO

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan—"Trial by Jury" and "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado."

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The Bohemians—Swing Me Up Higher—A Fair Ground Fantasy—A Day in Tyrol, My Dream—Waltz, Moss Rose—Waltz, with Vocal Effects.

1.15 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Variety—Three Little Fishies, Strawberry Fair, The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar), Neapolitan Serenade, The Butterfly, Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchestra, Sail Along, Silvery Moon, Summer Sweetheart, Vera Lynn with Instrumental Accompany, An Apple For The Teacher, Bing Crosby and Connie Boswell, Bill The Bluebird Sings, Bing Crosby with Orchestra, The Little Dog Laughed—Selection, Primo Scala's Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain by Jack Cooper.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Compositions of Schubert—Moments Musicaux, Op. 24, Ethel Legnina (Piano); The Young Nun, The Trout; Hedge-Rose, Sophie Braslau (Contralto) with Piano; Marche Militaire, Boston Promenade Orchestra; Hark! Hark! The Lark, Who, Is Sylvia? Master E. Lough (Boy Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by Thelma Ball.

6.42 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.44 The B.B.C. Military Band—Slavonic Rhapsody, and Hungarian Dance.

6.57 Vocal and Orchestral Selections from Light Opera—The Nipper.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos by Joseph Szigel—Rondo, Scherzo Valse, with

Piano accompaniment by Nikita de Magaloff. 8.13 Ballet—Ballet Suite—Jazz D'Enfants, Op. 22—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.30 Studio—Concert by William Lewis (Baritone) and Ruth Lewis (Piano). Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes, Without a Song, Grandfather's Clock... William Lewis (Baritone) accompanied by Ruth Lewis (Piano); Cradle Song... Ruth Lewis at the Piano; Believe Me Tell Those Endearing Young Charming, All Through the Night... William Lewis (Baritone) accompanied by Ruth Lewis (Piano).

8.50 Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.11 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 A Review of Revues by Debby Rogers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

10.02 Dance Music.

10.30 London Relay—"Ukridge."

by P. G. Wodehouse.

11.0 Close down.



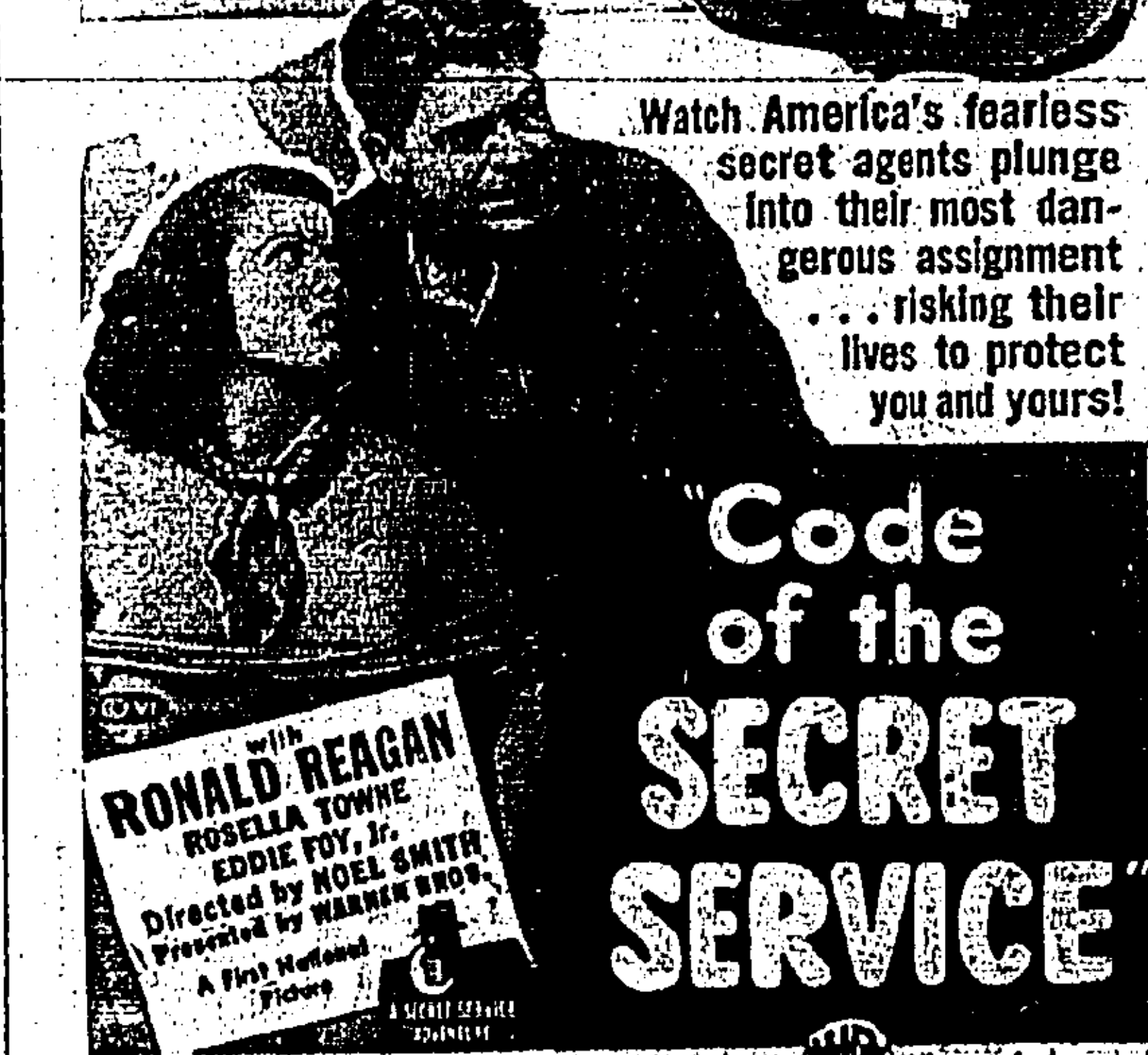
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Unite Against The Common Enemy

JERUSALEM, Dec. (UP).—The war may bring something like harmony to the Holy Land after three years of strife between Arabs and Jews.

Both Arab and Jewish leaders have assured the Palestine Government of their support and observers believe that a truce between the two factions may be attained for the duration of the war.

The war has led to a closing of the ranks of Jewish factions under the Vard Leumi, the Jewish National Council, now headed by Pinhas Rutenberg who has no party affiliations and commands the respect and confidence of all groups.

Trend To Unity

Necessity has partly dictated the trend toward unity. Palestine Jews have always been large-scale importers, chiefly of finished products. During the last few years attempts have been made to establish industries, but most of these were dependent upon semi-manufactured imports.

Likewise large quantities of foodstuffs were imported because heretofore the Jewish settlements have been able to supply only a part of the needs of the local Jewish market.

War has radically affected the supply of imports. Also there is reason to expect a heavy decline in income from the Zionist Funds, one of the most important sources of revenue for the country.

The tourist industry is at a standstill. The American Express office in Jerusalem has been closed. It was the only branch in Palestine and Syria. Other travel agents and tourist companies are transferring to cargo shipping agencies. The Fast Hotel, formerly the Allenby, has closed.

Grave Situation

Palestine orange growers face a particularly grave situation. Most of their European markets are now closed, including Britain their chief customer. It is doubted that there will be sufficient shipping to transport the crop.

It is expected that only about half of last year's crop will be shipped. Certain quarters believe that many groves will not be harvested at all this year. At the same time there is a growing demand for increasing the manufacture and use of citrus by-products.

Committees, companies, societies and co-operatives are being established in an effort to ensure sufficient supplies, primarily of foodstuffs and finally of raw and semi-manufactured materials.

On the political side a new body has been formed to promote Arab-Jewish understanding.

N.Z. Sympathy For 'Quake Victims

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The contributions of Britain and France to earthquake relief in Turkey have been supplemented by a gift from one of the most far-flung sections of the Empire.

New Zealand has sent £5,000 to the Turkish National Fund.

LATE NEWS

Hertzog Wants Independence

Joins Republicans In South Africa

CAPETOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The new opposition group in the South African Parliament, formed by General Hertzog and Dr. Malan, took the unusual course to-day of debating the first reading of a bill to make certain emergency regulations.

Dr. Malan spoke from the side of General Hertzog in the front row of the Opposition seats, and the whole seating of the Opposition was rearranged in accordance with the announcement on Sunday night that the two parliamentary groups had reached an agreement to form a new party.

This new party was made possible when General Hertzog accepted the Republican policy. He also agreed that the new party be called the Reunited Nationalists or People's Party. Its aim is to achieve the independence of the "Republic of South Africa."

Press Comment

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The British Press to-day commented on General Hertzog's motion that South Africa declare peace with Germany.

The "News Chronicle" stressing the value of a democracy to General Hertzog, says it was a free discussion followed by free voting and, "this was the Union way."

The "Times" points out that General Hertzog's objections to war were not based on sympathy with the Nazis, but on a short-sighted view that South Africa did not need to concern herself with German doings in Europe. There were indications, continued the paper, that the reply of General Smuts was found convincing by an ever-increasing number of South Africans, who realised that their security depends upon the strength of the British Commonwealth.

General Smuts' decision is being steadily strengthened.

REPUBLICANS FEAR WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Republicans have renewed their attack on President Roosevelt's foreign policy on reciprocal trade and export and import loans to belligerents.

Representative Woodruff charged that Mr. Cordell Hull has reversed his own position of the trade programme. He said that when Mr. Hull was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee he attacked the flexible tariff policy as "bureaucracy gone mad."

Representatives Tinkham charged that President Roosevelt was leading the road to war both in Europe and Asia. He criticised the proposal to lend money to Finland.

NAZIS PICKED UP AT SEA

ADEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Four officers from a German merchant ship have been landed in Aden by a British tanker.

They were picked up in the Red Sea drifting in a small boat, without food or water.

They are believed to have come from a German ship which sought refuge in a neutral port, but which had to leave.

UNITY MITFORD IN HOSPITAL

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Medical men state that it has been decided that no operation on the Hon. Miss Unity Mitford is advisable or necessary.

Miss Mitford will probably return home soon in order to complete her convalescence.

Miss Unity Mitford is the "friend of Hitler's" who recently was found in Berlin suffering from two bullet wounds in the head, shortly after England went to war with Germany.

JUPITER HAS NEW MOON

Latest Discoveries In World Of Space

PASADENA, Calif.—What's new far out in space?

Well, Dr. Walter S. Adams, Director of the Carnegie Institution's Mount Wilson Observatory, lists the following, among other things, in his annual report released to-day:

Discovery of "remarkably low candle power stars," one or two of which give out as little as one fifty-thousandth as much light as the sun. Discovery of two new moons for Jupiter.

Calculation that the sun and its planets, including the earth, are hurtling through space at a rate of 30 miles a second.

Conclusions that the surface of the moon "cannot be exposed solid rock, but must be porous like pumice or light dust, which quickly loses the heat it receives from the sun."

"The quantity of light sent forth by the sun is roughly midway between the low candle power and the most luminous stars," said Dr. Adams. But the sun's light does not compare with that of supernovae, "exploding stars."

The two satellites or moons discovered by Dr. Seth B. Nicholson by the total number of this complicated system to 11.

"Satellites X and XI are extremely small bodies," commented Dr. Adams, "among the smallest known within the solar system, with diameters calculated at 15 and 10 miles, respectively. Whether they once formed part of Jupiter or were captured by the great planet is a problem of exceptional interest."

EGYPT'S BUDGET DIFFICULTIES

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Owing to the budget deficit the Egyptian Government has decided to increase the tea duty by £1-10-0 (Egyptian currency) to £2-10 (Egyptian currency) per hundred kilograms.

Excise duties are also to be raised as follows: benzine by 12 per cent; coffee by 50 per cent; sugar, 20 per cent; bottled beer 300 per cent.

According to the newspaper Mokattam, the Government requires seven million Egyptian pounds to balance the budget, two millions of which will be taken from reserve, and the remainder is to be produced by increased taxation, including the reimposition of the cotton tax and an increase in income tax.

SYLT BECOMES WAR ZONE

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The island of Sylt and six other islands running in line off north-west Germany from the Netherlands frontier to Heligoland light are to be military zones for the duration of the war.

All movement on the islands, which include mine-laying and seaplane bases, will be severely restricted.

NEW CANADIAN DIVISION

Ottawa, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Second Canadian Division is going overseas as soon as possible, and this has aroused speculation concerning the third division.

This will probably be formed as soon as the Second Division reaches an advanced stage in training.

TWO TOMMIES INTERNED

BRUSSELS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The authorities have interned two British soldiers who crossed the frontier by mistake. It is reported from Helleghem.

The men were found by a shopkeeper asleep in his shop. They were numbed with cold and it took a considerable time to revive them. They declared that they lost their way and did not know that they had crossed the frontier.

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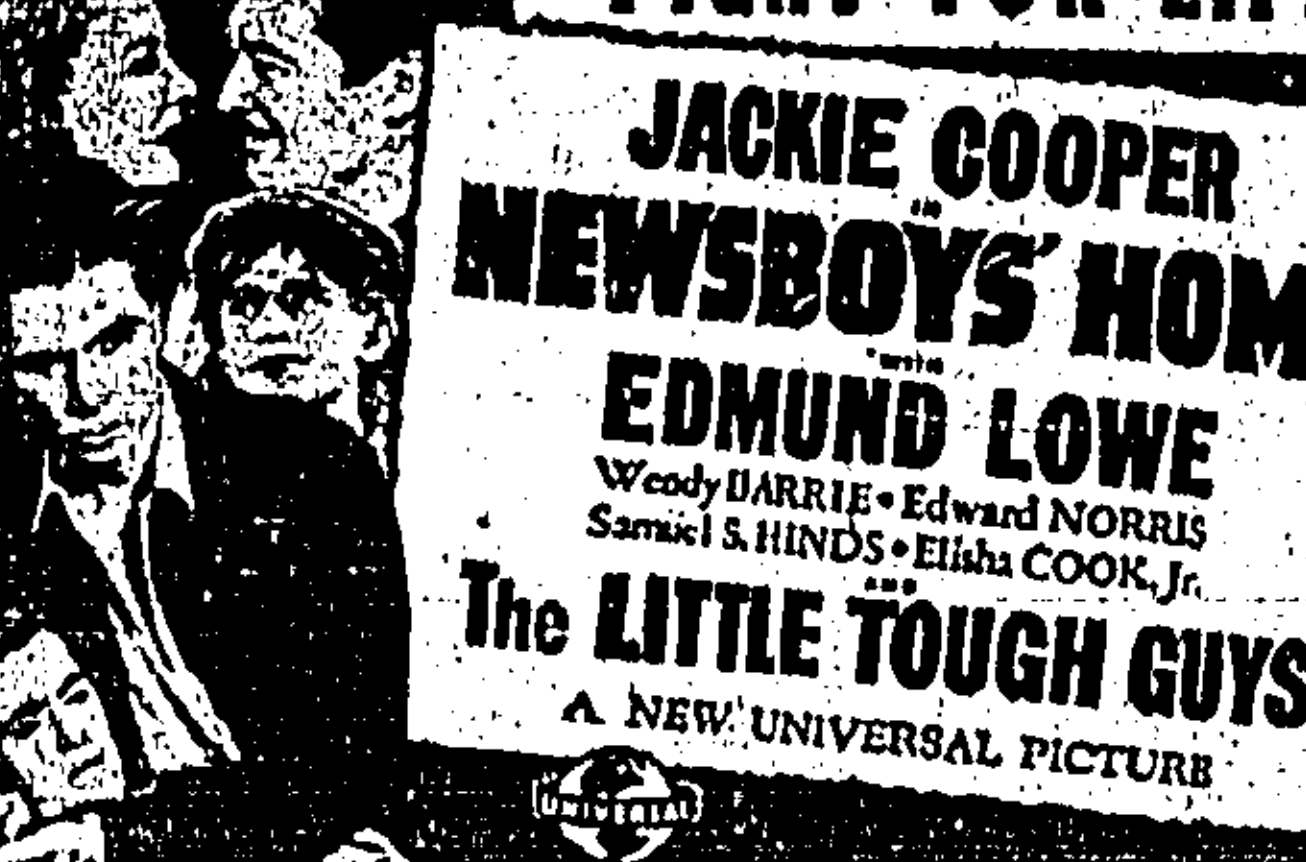
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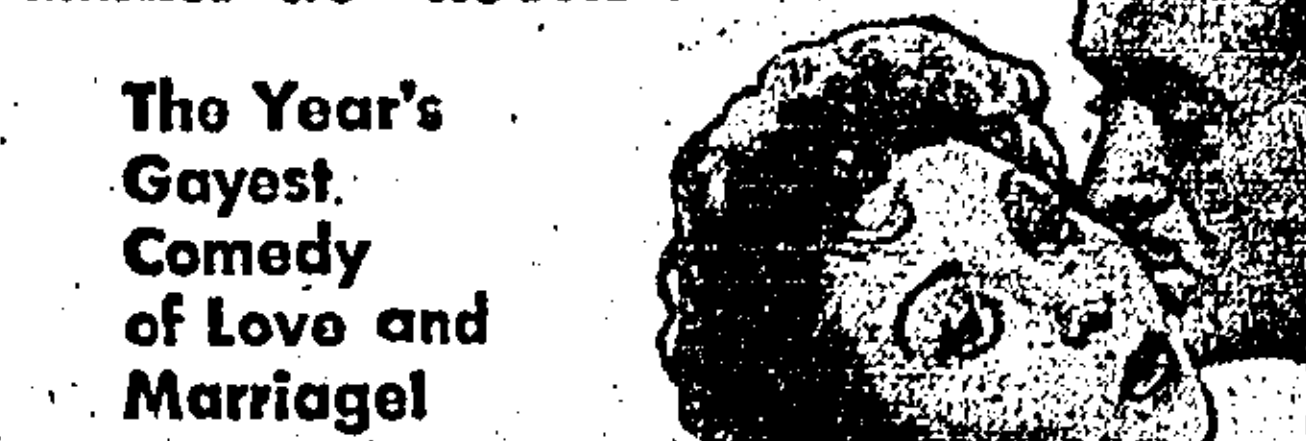
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POLISH PRIESTS TOLD TO PRAY FOR HITLER

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 29 (UP).—Germany is charged with beating, torture and murder of priests in Poland in a barbaric programme of extermination of the Polish people generally.

LIQUIDATION OF ASSETS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Treasury announces that the Stabilization Fund during the quarter ending September 30 earned \$1,248,000, chiefly on gold bullion profits and gold shipment handling charges, although the Chinese yuan earned \$72,355, while sterling unusually lost \$2,247 and the franc \$508.

The Treasury has revealed that Britain and France in October liquidated over \$120,000,000 of their assets here in purchasing wartime supplies and materials. Aeroplane orders and other purchases being exposed. One man jumped on a chair and shouted to the Sisters not to waste time in praying saying, "There is no God. If there were we should not be here."

The total holdings were estimated at \$100,000,000. The total holdings were estimated at \$100,000,000. The total holdings were estimated at \$100,000,000.

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GERMAN PLANES OVER SCOTLAND AND EAST COAST OF ENGLAND NAZIS INTENSIFY RAIDS

R.A.F. Planes Repel Invaders: Ten Merchantmen Attacked: Warnings Last 3 Hours

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 29 (UP).—To-day brought intensified Nazi air raids along the entire east coast of England and Scotland. The Shetland Islands were bombed without, apparently, any result. R.A.F. coastal patrols had their busiest day of the war repelling the invaders. British merchantmen were attacked in force, no less than ten ships being bombed.

The raids on England and Scotland were responsible for a series of air raid alarms which spread far inland, sending people in several counties to their shelters and dugouts. The attacks on British ships were general along 400 miles of coast, extending from the River Tay in the north to the Kentish coast in the south.

AIM ERRATIC
But the Nazi aim was erratic. Seven bombs were aimed at the 4,900-ton steamer *Llanwrn* without one hit being scored. The bombs landed all around the vessel, sending great eruptions of water into the air as they exploded.

The Monarch Steamship Company's 5,801-ton liner *Imperial Monarch* was saved when R.A.F. planes came to its rescue as it was being bombed by Heinkels off the Scottish coast. The Nazi bombers fled as soon as the speedy R.A.F. Spitfires appeared on the scene.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action along a wide stretch of the English and Scottish coasts. Guns burst for 40 minutes in the Shetland Islands, where the raiders were finally dispersed with the arrival of R.A.F. pursuit planes. Several planes made individual flights past the coast in the north-east area, where they were finally repelled by A.A. fire and R.A.F. counterattacks. Air raid alarms in England and Scotland lasted from 9 a.m. to noon. Attacks on shipping were particularly noticeable off the Yorkshire coast, and A.A. guns were active.

Captain Fought Nazis With Repeating Rifle

LONDON, Jan. (Reuter).—A remarkable story of the heroism of Captain Prince, Master of the 4,900-ton Pool Ship, ping company's freighter *Otterpool* was revealed to-day in connection with the intensified Nazi raids on British shipping. The *Otterpool* was off the Angus coast when it was attacked by several Heinkel bombers. The freighter, like other ocean-going British ships, was armed with anti-submarine and anti-aircraft guns, and immediately the Nazi bombers were sighted the gun crew ran to their stations. But one of the Heinkels, swooping down on the ship, started firing with its machine-gun. Captain Prince, who was on the bridge, immediately took to his cabin and fought the enemy with his repeating rifle.



OGPU CRUSHES RED UPRISINGS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The uprisings in Leningrad and Moscow have been crushed without mercy by the OGPU, the Soviet Secret Police, according to statements made by Russian soldiers captured in Helsinki.

It is stated that high Soviet officials have been taken before a firing squad for opposing the invasion of Poland.

WANG'S GIFT TO JAPAN
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Jan. 30, (UP).—An admission that the terms negotiated with Japan by Wang Ching-wei involved losses to China was made to-day by the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's official organ. The paper claimed, however, that these terms differed from those published last Sunday in Hongkong. "It is Wang Ching-wei's aim to obtain better terms than those Chungking could, as a defeated nation. Losses to China are inevitable, whatever happens."

Rejects Seat In Commons

B. Of T. President's Decision
LONDON, Jan. 29 (British Wire).—Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, who was unanimously adopted as National Government candidate for the City of London, said that while appreciating the very great honour of being a Member for the City, he had long since abandoned all desire for a political career, and was in his present position only because he had been asked to place his services at the disposal of the Prime Minister, when the latter asked him to take office as President of the Board of Trade. He added that if any experience he had, could help to be a sound contribution to a more active policy of trade as an arm of warfare, the importance of which could not be over-emphasised, he would be only too happy to be of use.

WAR IN SNOW

HITTER weather conditions are reported all over the world, and the war has ceased in many parts of China owing to heavy snow falls and blizzards. This photograph was taken on the Hangchow front.—Domel.



STALIN'S INVADERS SMASHED

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russian offensive is fizzling out after eight days of fighting. The Finnish communiqué on Sunday night stated that the attacks were growing weaker and that the offensive was expected to fail soon.

The Soviets, it is thought, had to continue their attacks for so many days because if this offensive fails, the Russians may have to postpone any further attempts until early March at least.

The B.B.C. observer on the northern front reports that the Soviets are disheartened with the results obtained by their troops there and that they are sending a fresh division to the area. When this arrives, there will be 50,000 Soviet troops in this area alone. Swedish volunteers are now giving active support on the northern front, enabling the Finns to get a few days' much needed rest.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Foreigners Avoid The Barriers
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TIENTSIN, Jan. 30, (UP).—The majority of British and Americans living in the British and French concessions are not attempting to pass the barriers through the electrified barbed-wire barricade that again surrounds the concessions. Escape through the barriers has been maintained in order to avoid incidents.

LONG ARCTIC CRUISE ENDS

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—After drifting for two weeks, three months and sixteen days, the North Polar ice, the Russian ice-breaker *Sedov* arrived at Murmansk yesterday, accompanied by the ice-breaker *Arctic*, which had been to the aid of the *Sedov*. The *Sedov* was loaded by search lights in honour of the *Sedov's* crew, who were given a popular welcome.

Deliberate Raid On Red Cross

By WEBB MILLER
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE FINNISH ARMY ON THE KARELIAN Isthmus, Jan. 29 (UP).—Russian bombing planes to-day scored a direct hit on a Red Cross military hospital where 19 wounded soldiers and four women were killed. Of the thirty people in the hospital only seven were saved. The dead were incinerated in the hospital, which was enveloped in flames as soon as the bombs struck.

Although the hospital prominently displayed the Red Cross the raiders swooped low and dropped a bomb through the centre of the building. I reached the scene shortly after the bombing. The building, which was about 200 feet long, was burning like a blazing furnace, lighting up the whole countryside. Splashes of blood flecked the snow.

All efforts to retrieve the bodies of those entrapped failed. The hospital stood on the outskirts of a small village near the front.

There were no military objectives anywhere near and the village was nothing but a tiny hamlet. The force of the explosion blew debris for hundreds of yards.

This is the sixth hospital the Russian bombers have struck and the Finns say there is no doubt but that the attacks have been deliberate.

Capital Warned
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (UP).—The air raid alarm was sounded at 9.55 a.m. and the all clear at 10.50 a.m.

Abo's Worst Raid
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—About 50 were killed and 200 injured in an air raid on Abo to-day. About 20 were killed and 50 wounded in a series of air raids on Abo, and dozens of houses were destroyed.

Fifty Soviet bombers silently swept down on the city with their engines cut out.

The raids were the worst Abo has yet suffered. The British press attache from Helsingfors and the British vice-consul, Mr. Silander, were among those caught in a series of alarms lasting from 9.45 a.m. until nearly 4 o'clock. Neither was injured. Abo has now been bombed 35 times during the past eight weeks.

Many Fires Rage
By WEBB MILLER
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE FINNISH ARMY IN THE KARELIAN Isthmus, Jan. 29 PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Asama Maru Incident

RELEASE OF NAZIS UNLIKELY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 29, (UP).—Official quarters decline to comment on reports that Japan has demanded the return of the 21 Germans removed from the Asama Maru.

They express doubts as to whether Britain will consent to surrender the Germans, who are now interned in Hongkong.

The sentiment here is that Britain acted in accordance with international law, and that the return or release of the Germans would establish a precedent likely to facilitate the repatriation of many Germans abroad of military value to the Nazis.

It is hoped that the Tokyo talks will result in a friendly accord which will leave Japan's prestige unimpaired and at the same time safeguard Britain's rights.

Trading Warily

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 29, (Domei).—The British Government has postponed publication of the text of the British reply to the Japanese protest in view of the conversations now in progress in Tokyo. Reports quoting the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman as intimating that a second Japanese protest is to be lodged have caused some disappointment in official circles.

LATEST FRESH REVOLT IN EQUADOR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LIMA, Jan. 29 (Domei).—Following the recent abortive insurrection by the Equador Air Force in connection with the presidential election, a fresh revolt was launched early this morning at Esmeraldas on the northern coast of the country by a group of insurgents led by Lt. Col. Benhamin. The attempted coup, however, was quickly quelled by Government troops and the country is now quiet.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Reich Manoeuvre For Rumanian Oil Attempt To Establish Mixed Trade Coys.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—With the appointment of the Mayor of Vienna, Herr Neubacher as general controller of German-Rumanian trade, Germany is making a new bid for effective participation in Rumanian industries.

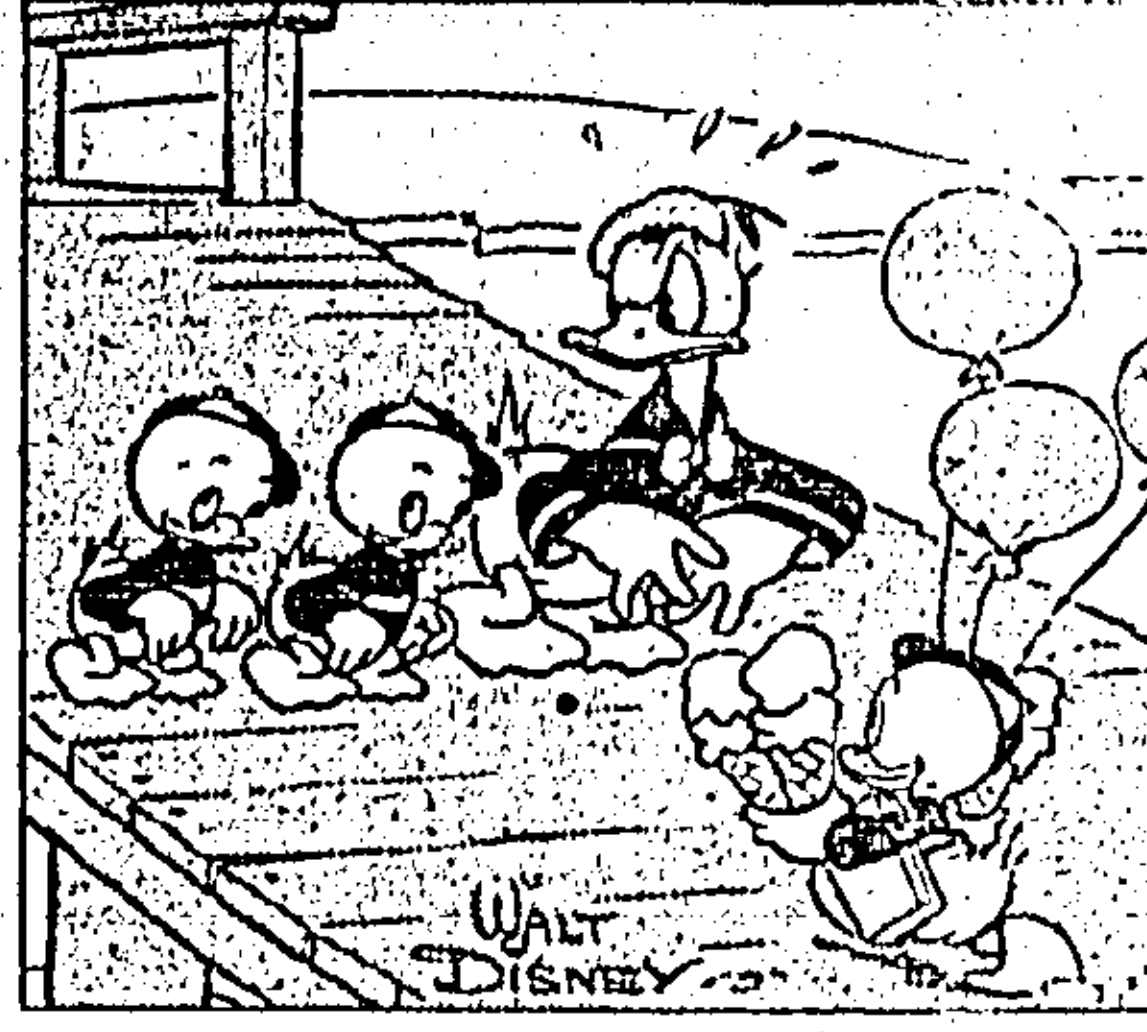
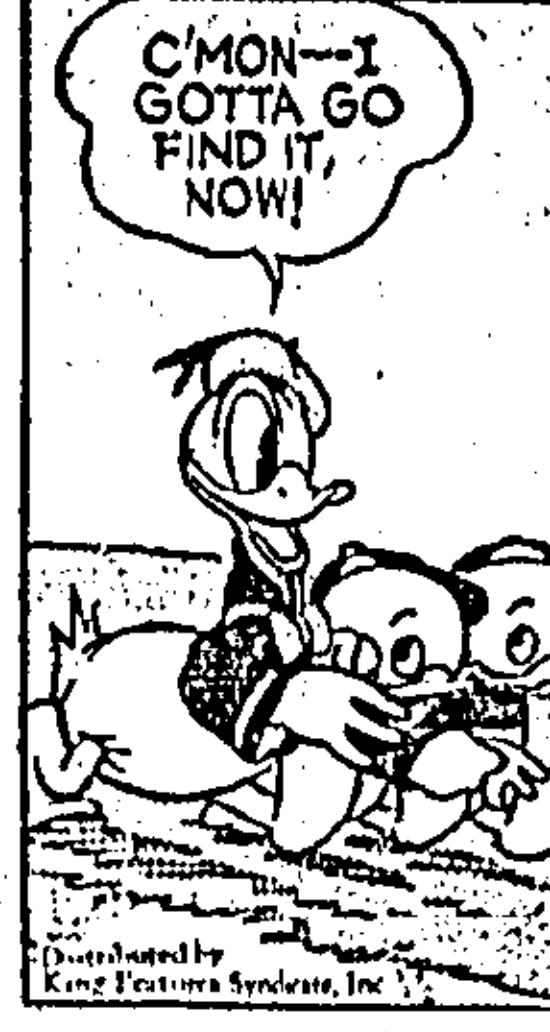
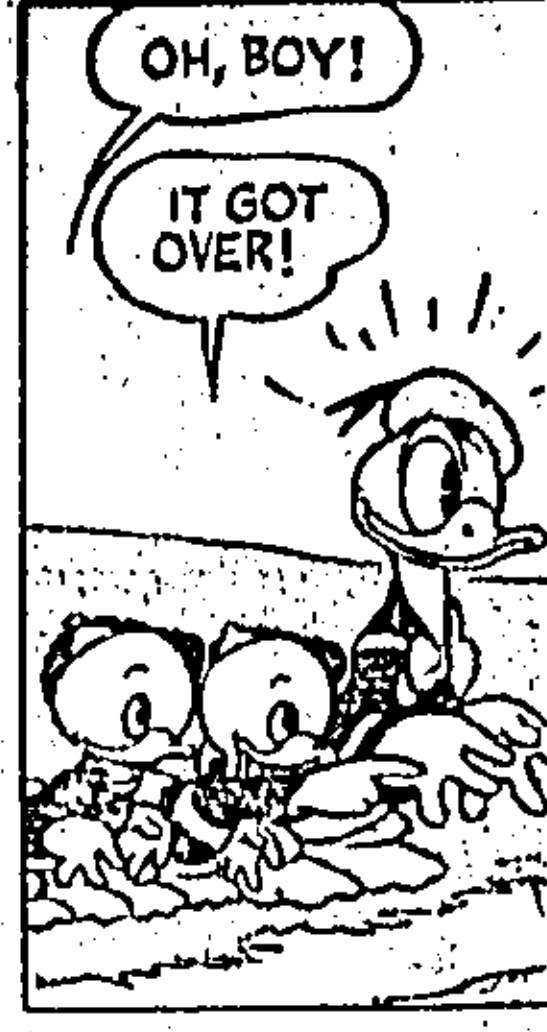
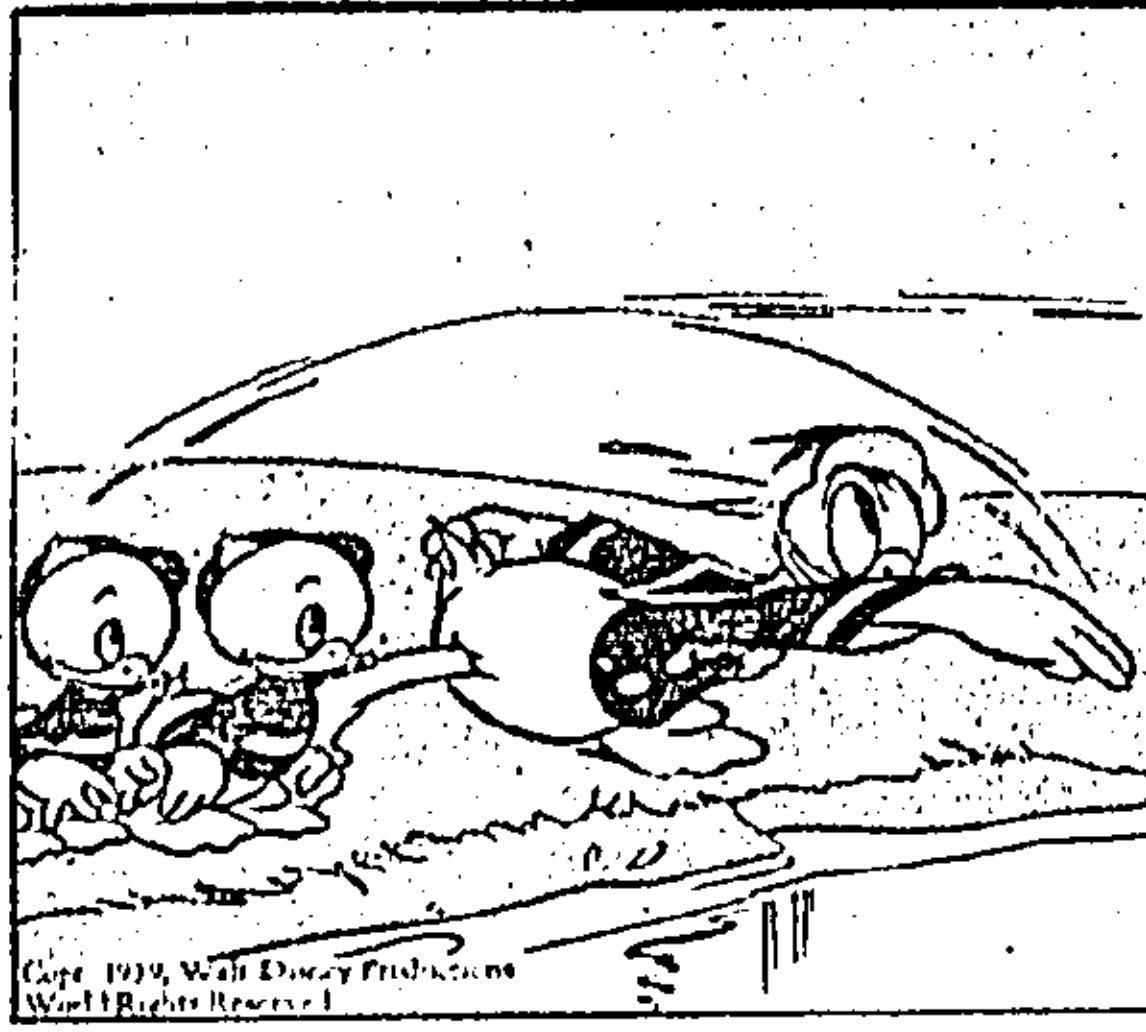
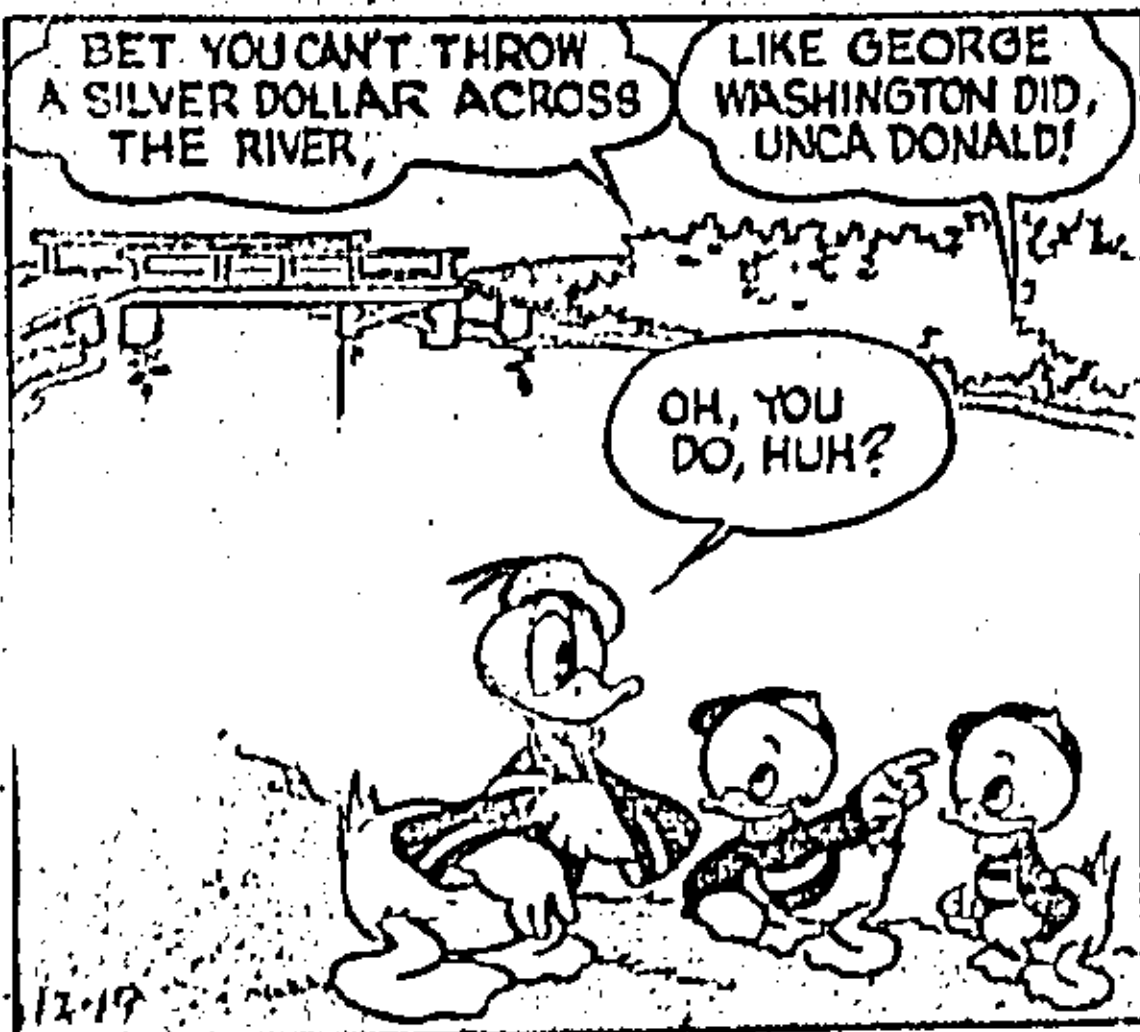
Hitherto, Rumania has resisted the application of that part of the trade treaty which contemplated establishing mixed German-Rumanian companies to exploit Rumania's oil, mineral, timber and other resources.

Herr Neubacher is expected to press for this to be carried out. If Rumania yields, exports might be carried by Rumanian trucks in return for increased deliveries, and thereby it is understood, Germany is offering to supply the Rumanian claims to Transylvania, and to limit her influence to prevent Rumanian scares regarding Bessarabia.

No Allied Threat

LONDON, Jan. 29, (Reuter).—Recent developments in the Rumanian oil problem are giving rise to incorrect reports regarding discussions between the Allies and Rumania. One such report on Sunday stated that the Allies were threatening to break off relations with Rumania. This was immediately denied in London yesterday. According to semi-official circles the position is that the German Government is making a new bid for effective participation in Rumanian industries.

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QUINTUPLETS SUBSCRIBE TO WAR LOAN

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ONE OF THE FIRST advance subscriptions received for Canada's first war loan was one of \$20,000 from the Dionne quintuplets' trust fund, according to an announcement made to-day by the Department of Finance.

The slogan of the war loan is: "Make your dollar fight for freedom."

The Finance Minister, in a broadcast, revealed that the United Kingdom's purchases in Canada during the first year of war would probably amount to some £100,000,000.

Agile Tree Climber At 70

NORMAN, (UP).—Annie Henson of the Oak Grove community is 70 years old, and can climb a tree like she could at the age of 10. She proved it while picking wild plums in an open pasture. When a bull charged toward her, she quickly climbed a tree to safety.

Factory's Cure For Black-Out Blues

BETWEEN 3,000 and 4,000 bottles of milk go into a certain factory every day, and out at the other end pours a constant stream of—Bren guns.

The factory is one of the largest producing small arms for the Ministry of Supply.

It has been found there that the milk is almost as important as the steel supply for keeping up constant output. It cuts down the sickness rate among the workers.

Milk and guns work better than "guns instead of butter."

But even milk doesn't cure disease, they have discovered at the factory. That disease is "black-out blues."

The welfare department has, however, found a remedy for this psychological effect.

Evening Off

"There is an elastic arrangement by which a worker with 'black-out blues' can have the evening off to go to the pictures with his wife and family," an official told the "Daily Herald."

Fairy Tale City Waits For A Prince

COPENHAGEN, the fairy-tale city where Hans Andersen wrote romance round the narrow streets and twisted spires, is in a state of happy excitement over the news that Denmark's Crown Princess Ingrid is expecting her first baby.

It is four years since the only daughter of the Swedish Crown Prince married the heir to the Danish Throne, so the nation's joy will be shared by Sweden. England, too, has a share in the event, for Princess Ingrid's mother was born here, and the princess always considers herself at least half-English.

Only the outbreak of war prevented her from paying her usual late summer visit to the Duke of Connaught, her grandfather.

There is a widespread hope that Princess Ingrid's baby will be a boy.

Much of the layette is being chosen in England under the expert supervision of Princess Ingrid's British relatives.

Seven Years' Jail For Treason

CHARGED with treason, William McAllister has been sentenced at Belfast City Commission to seven years' penal servitude.

They Used Gunpowder In 1250

CINCINNATI, (UP).—There is a large place reserved in world history for the man who invented gunpowder—but no historian can be certain of his inventor's identity.

Perhaps no chemical invention or discovery has affected the course of history to a greater degree than that of gunpowder. The general for the person who first learned that the destiny of nations lies in the harmless-looking powder that isn't particularly dangerous unless confined has been in progress for centuries.

Dr. Ralph E. Oesper, associate professor of analytical chemistry at University of Cincinnati, has been making a study of the origin of gunpowder.

Dr. Oesper said that Berthold Schwarz, a German monk, and Friar Roger Bacon have been associated with the invention, although the Bacon claim has been upheld solely in England.

His studies have led Dr. Oesper to the conclusion that Schwarz—if he really existed at all—invented firearms about 1250 at Freiberg, Germany.

"No contemporary documents or accounts dealing with Schwarz are known and those who contend that he never existed may be correct, but at least tradition, which usually has an historical basis, justified the monument to his memory in Freiberg," Dr. Oesper explained.

The earliest version, taken from a Freiberg manuscript of 1532, has Schwarz seeking a formula for gilding metals, mixing saltpeter, sulphur, lead and oil in a tight copper pot, and prompted by the resultant explosion to experiment further.

"Why are there no contemporary records?" Dr. Oesper asked. "If Berthold Schwarz is a purely legendary inventor, the answer is obvious. However, history may have taken no interest in his doing because guns were said to be execrable inventions and their employment was deemed as destructive of manly valor and unworthy of an honorable warrior."

"Schwarz was reputed to have compounded powder with Satan's blessing, and the clergy preached that as a co-worker of the evil one, he was a renegade to his profession and his name should be forgotten."

"There is a tradition that he was imprisoned by his fellow monks, and some say he made his invention while in prison. According to another legend, he blew himself up while demonstrating the power of his discovery. Another states that he was executed."

There was no reference to the Chinese claim to the invention of gunpowder in Dr. Oesper's report.

After the Clerk of the Crown had spent ten minutes reading out the charge, McAllister refused to plead.

"Not Interested"

Asked if he was ready to be tried, he replied: "It doesn't interest me in the least."

It was alleged that McAllister, with "other evilly disposed persons, conspired to raise, make and levy insurrection against the King 'at Belfast in January, 1938."

The charge also alleged conspiracy with members of an "illegal organization," the Irish Republican Army, to steal rifles from Campbell College, Belfast; and that McAllister sat upon an I.R.A. court-martial in Belfast.

Crown counsel said that the evidence consisted largely of documents found in McAllister's house in Belfast.

He Told Judge—

These included letters addressed to and from the "Adjutant-General, I.R.A. headquarters, Dublin."

After the jury returned its verdict of guilty, McAllister said to the judge:

"It is not treason to fight for one's country. I believe my country should be free, and I have been prepared to take any steps to attain that end."

BANNS WERE STOPPED

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Mary Amelia Gill arranged to wed Charles V. Stevens, aged 23, of Holland street, Weston-super-Mare.

The banns were read out at church, but only once.

For Mary's mother stepped in and stopped them.

"She thought I was too young," Mary told the Weston magistrates, applying for their consent.

But the Bench didn't. So this time the banns should go through without a hitch.

League Kept Busy With Other Work Outside Of Crisis

GENEVA.—League of Nations activities are not restricted to the Soviet-Finnish crisis. In addition to the groups considering the Finnish appeal, three other League committees were in session. One adopted a report for the co-ordination of all the League's non-political activities in a single semi-independent office.

Non-political activities, in which many non-members co-operate, include the campaigns against narcotics and slavery; economics and financial work; communications and transit; sanitary, refugee, relief, social, and humanitarian work.

The Committee on Mandates heard reports by various powers on the administration of African and Southern Pacific mandates.

The Budget Committee, which adopted a report on 1940 expenses, was the only group which had a Russian representative.

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F1406—Blackbird Hop	Fast.	Victor Sylvester & Orch.
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F1263—Night Is Filled with Music	Fast.	Victor Sylvester & Orch.
Change Partners	Slow.	
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"Blackout" Becomes Picnic

VALLEY FORD, (UP).—This city had an unexpected "blackout" test. All lighting facilities of the city suddenly went out.

Citizens poured into the streets, a vast parade was organized, "hot dogs," mustard and buns were donated by leading citizens and an impromptu picnic of the entire population staged until the lights came on again.

Apples Baked On Tree

DROMANA, Aus. (UP).—Men who fought a grass fire that was sweeping through an orchard here, were rewarded for their labour.

After the fire, an apple tree was found, where the grass had not been tall enough to injure the tree, but where heat from the flames had baked all the apples on the tree to just the right degree for eating.

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Balkan Peace

The Balkan peasant, whose numbers make him the most important person in that part of the world, poor, illiterate, killing his gold in an ancient, unprofitable way, will count himself lucky that the madness to the north has not yet inflamed the fanatics on which his own rulers have been nourished. The cynical might be surprised that in this most turbulent region acquiescence has not yet been meted out. There are so many demands on record, and so many determined refusals. Hungary has wanted Transylvania from Rumania, while Bulgaria asks from her the Southern Dobruja, with a piece, perhaps, of Macedonia from Yugo-Slavia and a port on the Aegean from Greece. This time of general insecurity, with the great law-abiders and the great lawless occupied elsewhere, might have seemed ideal for the armed pursuit of some of these aims, which, often enough, are almost affairs of conscience with those who follow them. One such attempt would have plunged the whole Balkans into militant chaos. Why has one not yet been made? It is, of course, possible that even among these peoples the effects of modern war are seen for what they are. But there are active elements of stability, and one of the most powerful among them is the influence of Italy. Italy, in her stronger periods, has always looked towards South-eastern Europe. In the Middle Ages her rulers allied themselves by marriage to the royal houses of Serbia, Hungary, and Bulgaria. The merchants of Venice held the commerce of the Levant in their hands, and when the Turks swept into Southern Europe they found in this city one of their most obstinate enemies. This is a direct compound of interests and ideals. War in the Balkans would mean heavy material losses for her, and she would naturally seek to restrain its causes. The one hope of the Balkan States withstanding the Italian expansion of the war began to the north, which it is one of Italy's declared objects to avoid, is for their amicable settlement or postponement of their own claims on each other. Italy's task and responsibility are great. The Balkan States (Rumania, Yugo-Slavia, Turkey, and Greece) should "live" be a stabilising force, but it has lost most of its strength by Yugo-Slavia's unhappy consciousness of



STALIN WANTS A GREAT NAVY

RUSSIA'S increased influence in the Baltic during recent weeks is obviously related to the ambition of the Soviet leaders to make the U.S.S.R. a great naval Power, which it certainly is not at present. This idea of a powerful Russian Fleet is as old as Peter the Great, who, however, had certain advantages over the existing rulers of Russia. Peter had the wisdom to know that the first essential in building a large fleet entailed not only the acquisition of naval bases, but also the building of ships, and that in turn meant the creation of a shipbuilding industry.

With that object in view Peter went to the Thames to study the art and craft of ship construction, and if to-day Stalin were to follow that example by a few months' shipbuilding training on, say, the Clyde, Belfast, or the North-East Coast he would go back to Russia with the knowledge that more Five-Year Plans than he will live to see carried through would be necessary to reorganise Russia's shipbuilding industry to a standard commensurate with the sea-power ambitions of the Soviets.

Kalinin's Advice

Naval construction and the shipbuilding industry have been more or less neglected by the first of two Five-Year Plans, although Kalinin, the President of the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R., has been exhorting the Soviet shipbuilders to overtake "the foremost capitalist sea Powers." So far the "Bolshewisation" of the Navy and the shipbuilding industry has not been helpful. Commissioners and naval officers do not make a team, and is not surprising that discipline should go by the board when the political chiefs take priority over the officers trained in naval strategy.

As for shipbuilding, the problems which confront the Soviet authorities are obvious. It is the greatest of all assembling industries, and is therefore the most difficult to nationalise successfully. Innumerable other trades and industries are associated with shipbuilding, and if inefficiency and intrigue occur

in one they upset the balance of all. It is perhaps for that reason that shipbuilding has been the least successful of the Russian industries since the Revolution. In fact, the total output of the Soviet shipyards since 1917 has been something less than a normal year's output from the Clyde alone.

These problems, which are formidable enough in a peaceful Europe, when manufactured products essential to shipbuilding and marine engineering can be freely imported, may be regarded as insuperable to-day with three of the greatest European Powers at war.

Four Strategic Positions

The Soviet authorities have always been reticent with regard to their shipbuilding production, but in view of the tonnage they have ordered from abroad and the many old ships which they have still in service, it is obvious that their own industry is still a long way from meeting Soviet requirements.

Numerically, particularly with regard to submarines, the Soviet Fleet is believed to be considerable, but that Fleet has to protect strategic positions in the Baltic, the White Sea, the Black Sea, and the Far East. Submarines alone (to quote Signor Mussolini) do not make a great naval Power; and in other classes of tonnage, apart

from one or two modern cruisers and two flotillas of destroyers built or building, the Soviet Fleet consists for the most part of "museum pieces."

The capital ships, of which there are three, were laid down in 1909 and completed in 1915. They have undergone several alterations and improvements, but their general condition is known to be unsatisfactory, and it is doubtful if they would be of any fighting value. One of these vessels, the Pariskaya Kummuna, which was formerly the Sevastopol, built in 1911, made a voyage to the Black Sea some nine years ago, and the reason for her remaining there is said to be her inability to risk the return voyage to the Baltic.

Two cruisers of about 8,000 tons, carrying 7.1-inch guns, have been completed in recent years, and two or three others are reported to be under construction. These cruisers, a 12,000-ton aircraft carrier (converted from a half-built cruiser laid down in 1914), a cruiser-minelayer of 3,500 tons, and a few large destroyers are the latest units of the Soviet Fleet. Eight large destroyers, which are really light cruisers, each of about 2,700 tons displacement and fitted with 5.1-inch guns, have been under construction at Leningrad in recent years. It is understood that

about six of these ships are completed. They have been influenced by Italian design, and a large Russian destroyer of similar dimensions, the Tashkend, was completed last year by Italian shipbuilders.

Three capital ships of 35,000 tons are projected, and it is understood that the first of these is to be laid down in Leningrad some time this year, but in view of the time taken by the Russian shipbuilders to build destroyers—not to mention cargo ships—it will be many years before we see a modern Russian-built capital ship. It is indeed doubtful if the battle ships have got further than the design stage, which, to the Russian mind, often means the completed job.

Mercantile Marine

Another example of the Russian enigma is the Soviet mercantile marine. There, too, the greatest secrecy has been observed, but following years of the utmost reticence relating to their merchant navy, the Soviet authorities went to the other extreme a few months ago by publishing a "Register of Shipping of the U.S.S.R.," which contains more details and particulars of ships than any existing shipping register. Fewer than 29 columns are devoted to each vessel. According to this register, which is in Russian and English, the Soviet merchant fleet comprises some 680 vessels, compared with about 9,000 ships in the British Empire merchant navy.

Many of the Russian ships are foreign-built, mainly British, including about 1,000 cargo vessels built in British shipyards before the Revolution, while tonnage below 1,000 tons gross includes some vessels built in this country over 70 years ago.

An analysis of this new register of Soviet shipping was given in the "Shipbuilding and Shipping Record" of October 1939, in which it was stated that only half of the ships on the register can be of use as ocean-going shipping, the remainder being miscellaneous craft such as barges, coasters, and trawlers. It was added that of the Russian-built ships of over 1,000 tons entered in the register most have been built at the Leningrad Shipbuilding Yard and the Baltic Shipbuilding and Engineering Works.

The Leningrad yard has built 16 vessels, and the Baltic yard about 29, all below 5,000 tons. Above that figure are some 100 dozen ships of about 8,000 tons, most of which have been built by the Sormovo Works. These new ships are of a type which is not yet common in the world.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

RUTHLESS U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Nazi Brutality Is Horrifying

LONDON, Jan. 29. (British Wireless).—The cases of three neutral merchant ships which, according to naval circles here, were sunk without warning by enemy submarines within the last three days, have attracted particular attention by reason of the circumstances, which were such as to render it obvious to the attacking submarines, that the crews had hardly any chance of survival in the terrible weather and sea conditions.

32 Hours On Raft

The only survivor of the Danish ship England was the second officer, who was picked up after 32 hours on a raft.

The wreck of the Norwegian ship Fargo drove ashore yesterday morning. The captain and six men were rescued by a breeches buoy.

One boat, originally containing eight men, was washed ashore with one man alive and three bodies.

The Master stated that after the explosion, the crew abandoned the ship in two boats, the Master's boat subsequently returning to the ship.

A boat belonging to the Norwegian ship Hovanger, containing three men in an exceedingly exhausted condition, was picked up by one of I.M. ships. It is believed these are the only survivors.

CHASE IN HARBOUR

Indian Reservist Swims After Runaway

AN Indian police reservist and a runaway prisoner were the central figures in a novel chase shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

The incident occurred in the waters of Hongkong harbour, into which the runaway jumped after making his escape from No. 2 Police Station.

The Reservist, Nam Din, was entering the Police Station to report for duty when the escapee dashed past him.

Nam immediately set off in pursuit. He followed the runaway into the water without a moment's hesitation, and swimming vigorously after him, finally caught up with the man about 200 yards from the quay.

A struggle ensued between the two men, and continued until the runaway, a half-drowned, became unconscious.

The Indian then brought his man to the quay.

So severe was the fight in the water, that the Reservist had to be admitted to hospital for treatment for minor injuries. He was later discharged.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERS

As a sequel to the armed robbery at 75 Nam Chang Street on Saturday afternoon, four men and a woman were charged before Mr. Macdougall at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with robbing Ng Chun-sung of \$150, 67 tins of cigarettes and six packets of cigars.

The accused were Cheung Ping, 28, cake delivery, Yuen Kan, 28, unemployed, Pang Kau, 28, unemployed, Yuen Kan, 28, a married woman.

At the request of Detective Sergeant Macpherson, defendants were remanded for 72 hours in police custody.

Human Beings Treated As Cattle

Bitter Attack On Nazis By French Premier

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—M. Edouard Daladier, the French Premier, in a broadcast to the nation to-day, declared that Nazi domination was different from anything history had ever known.

It was pursuing the systematic destruction of the vanquished.

"Hitler does not treat with nations which have submitted to him, he destroys them," said M. Daladier.

"To him, human beings are only cattle. He orders their massacre or migration. He imposes no war on them, but takes away all their riches. To check in advance, revolt, he declassifies their elite."

"Thousands of towns and villages, and millions of human beings in Europe know of miseries they should not have attempted to imagine only a few months ago."

Slaves Of Nazis
The workers and peasants of Germany are the slaves of their Nazi masters. The workers and peasants of Bohemia and Poland are the slaves of the slaves.

"But the great fear which sweeps Europe today is the barbaric war and the annihilation of the human race. It has started yet, it is because our soldiers have formed a steady wall against the enemy."

Lawyer Gives Evidence In Dairy Coy.'s Case

MAJOR W. J. E. MACKENZIE, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, and Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, solicitor, were called to give evidence before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning, when hearing of the action brought by Mr. G. E. Ahwee against the Hongkong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd. for damages for alleged breach of agreement, was continued.

The agreement was in relation to the Kowloon Dairy, for the purchase of which business, goodwill and stock, the Company undertook to issue debentures, worth \$31,520, to plaintiff.

It was alleged they did not do so until plaintiff had ended the contract and when the Company was in a hopelessly insolvent position.

Plaintiff also sought to regain possession of the property, mesne profits from May 31, and an injunction restraining defendants from using the trade name Kowloon Dairy and trade mark No. 63 of 1925.

Defendants' counter-claim damages allegedly suffered through the misconduct of plaintiff while he was in their service as farm manager, one of the allegations being that he failed to treat the cattle for osteo-malacia.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Gies, appeared for plaintiff. Defendants were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Worried By Grooming
Major Mackenzie told the Court that osteo-malacia should be treated by a veterinary surgeon; it should definitely not be treated by Mr. Ahwee, in his own hands.

Mr. Macnamara: One of the causes of complaint against Mr. Ahwee is that he allowed the cattle to become dirty and that as a result their condition had deteriorated. Do you agree with that?

The modern school of thought is that excessive grooming worries an animal so much that it does a lot of good that the diet was doing. Reasonable cleanliness is considered to be proper nowadays.

Major Mackenzie went on to say that he had known the Kowloon Dairy since 1920 and had found it an exceptionally well-run farm. Whenever he visited the place, the condition of cleanliness was good.

Urban Council inspectors also visited the farm periodically and he had received no complaints about it whatsoever.

Common In Hongkong
Questioned by Mr. D'Almada, Major Mackenzie said osteo-malacia was quite common in Hongkong. The disease was most difficult to diagnose and it was always unwise for one, other than a veterinary surgeon, to treat it, even though he had vast experience in dairy farming.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, Solicitor said in evidence that he had looked after the interests of plaintiff in connection with the matter in question. The agreement between the parties, however, was not signed with his advice; in fact he had advised plaintiff not to sign it.

On April 14, Mr. Dalziel, Secretary of defendant firm, informed him that the Company would not be able to issue the debentures because the Hongkong Bank would not allow it.

Mr. Dalziel also produced a statement of accounts, showing that the assets of the Company amounted to \$125,000. There were a number of creditors, including plaintiff and the Hongkong Bank, to whom the Company was indebted to a total of \$98,000.

Meeting At Bank
A meeting was held at the Bank on the following day, at which Mr. Edmondson confirmed that the Bank had objected to the Company issuing the first debentures to plaintiff. After the whole position had been explained to him, however, Mr. Edmondson asked whether plaintiff would be prepared to cancel the agreement if the whole amount due to him (\$33,000) was paid off. This was agreed, and Mr. Edmondson then suggested another alternative—whether plaintiff would accept shares instead of the debentures if defendant company could raise \$70,000 fresh capital. This was also agreed, whereupon Mr. Fredericks, Director of defendant Company, said he would call a meeting on the following Monday to see if the money could be found. He promised to let them know of the result, but up till now he (Mr. Hugh-Jones) was still ignorant of it.

On the morning of April 17, Mr. Hugh-Jones contacted him and Mr. Lewis, another Director of defendant firm, and proposed to him that in view of the Company going into liquidation, plaintiff should buy out the existing shareholders at a nominal price and that he should also take over the business, goodwill and stock as well as the debts owing to the Bank.

Mr. Lewis asked him to refer the matter to the Bank. This he did, but Mr. Edmondson preferred to wait till he knew of the result of the meeting which the Company was holding that afternoon. He gathered from this that should the Company be able to raise further capital, the Bank would carry out one of the two suggestions made on the day previous.

Agreement Terminated
Subsequently, he (Mr. Hugh-Jones) went on short leave. He returned on May 26 and as a result of what he found he gave notice terminating the agreement on behalf of plaintiff.

Mr. D'Almada: The substance of the position so far as the plaintiff is concerned was that the plaintiff not having registered his agreement, any debentures which might then be issued might possibly be bad—it would be bad against a liquidated company.

There was no question of the Bank refusing to allow defendants issuing the debentures, because there was nothing to stop them from doing so.

The Bank did refuse and if the Company issued the debentures they would put it into liquidation. That was the threat.

Greater Income
Mr. Ahwee, who had given his evidence in-chief at the previous hearing, was then cross-examined. He said he was anxious to sell the farm for the simple reason that the income to be derived from the agreement was about three or four times what he got when he was on his own.

The agreement involved the sale of the business as a going concern, the transfer of certain plant and machinery, the lease of the land, and his employment as farm manager by the Company.

Mr. D'Almada: In fact you regarded the business so much as theirs that when it came to the question of the Company being in negotiations for the sale of the cattle to the Amalgamated Dairies, you did not raise any objection?—I did not because the cattle did not belong to me. But they were running the business as theirs?—Yes.

Against His Advice
Further questioned, Mr. Ahwee agreed that the Company had spent about \$18,000 on the property since the agreement was signed, but this was done against his advice. He further agreed he had treated his own cattle for osteo-malacia with fairly considerable success, but denied that whilst he was in the employ of the Company as farm manager there were 20 such cases.

It was also not true that he kept the farm in a state of dilapidation, as to complaints by the authorities. Dr. Jones visited the farm quite frequently, but he never made any complaint about the state of the sheds.

The case is proceeding.

GERMANS PAY Millions A Year FOR THE NAZIS

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The upkeep of the Nazi Party organization has cost the German people about £940,000,000 a year, according to the "Petit Parisien."

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RESERVIST PRAISED

Runaway Chased In Harbour

"A very good effort on your part. Well done!" declared Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Central Police Magistrate this morning, when he congratulated Police Reservist Nam Din upon recapturing a runaway prisoner from the No. 2 Police Station.

Nam Din, a police interpreter and the runaway prisoner were the central figures in a novel chase shortly after 7 o'clock last night.

The incident occurred in the waters of Hongkong harbour, into which the runaway jumped after making his escape from the No. 2 Police Station.

Police Reservist Nam Din was entering the police station to report for duty when the escapee dashed past him.

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Struggle In Water
A struggle ensued between the two men and continued until the runaway, half-drowned, was dragged ashore by Din.

So severe was the fight in the water, that the Reservist had to be admitted to hospital for treatment for minor injuries. He was later discharged.

This morning at the Central Magistracy, Li Ying, the 18-year-old runaway was charged before Mr. Sheldon with the theft of a handbag and with escaping from custody.

The Police stated that Li escaped after he had struggled from the grasp of a constable on the way from the dock of the police station to the cells.

Mr. Sheldon ordered Li to be expelled from Hongkong as a destitute.

Scotland Shivers

Fifty-Year Record Cold Spell

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The west of Scotland has experienced the most severe weather for half a century.

To-day Glasgow had no southward connection with London. In the meantime, trains from the south have been temporarily lost.

Three which left England yesterday were traced in the early hours of the morning. One of them, carrying all Scotland's Sunday papers, was stranded between Carlisle and Beattock.

One train, which left Glasgow yesterday at 10 a.m., is still at Beattock, and the railway made arrangements to feed the passengers.

It is hoped to rescue them some time to-day.

Many sailors and soldiers on leave were stranded in Glasgow, when the south-bound trains were suspended.

Skating On Serpentine
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—All British newspapers published pictures taken during the cold spell of a fortnight ago, the details of which were released for publication about yesterday by the censor.

Among other things, the pictures show skating on the Serpentine, ice-floes in Morecambe Bay, and tugs breaking up the ice in the River Thames.

Chinese Return From Scuttled Ship

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (UP).—Twenty-three Chinese members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus have been returned by the American ship President Cleveland.

They were transferred in Tokyo to an Empress liner, aboard which they are travelling to their homes in Shanghai and Hongkong.

SOVIET OIL FOR REICH

Nazis Will Benefit But Little

LONDON, Jan. 29. (British Wireless).—The "Petroleum Press Service," a technically well-informed trade journal, discussing negotiations between Germany and Soviet for placing the Galician oilfields at the disposal of the Reich, states that these oilfields accounted for about three-quarters of Poland's peacetime oil production of half a million tons per annum.

Decreased Output
It points out, however, that largely as the result of inadequate drilling operations, the output from these fields has fallen during the last 15 years to 370,000 tons, and the difficult geological conditions are likely now to hamper any rapid increase in production. The oil horizons lie at great depth, the wells averaging from three to four thousand feet, and the number of wells drilled during 1938 were insufficient to maintain production at the previous level.

Shortage Of Equipment
Any increase in production, therefore, would be dependent on large-scale drilling, but since the Germans are known to have considerably increased drilling operations in Western Galicia, it is doubtful whether the necessary equipment and skilled personnel will be available after covering the needs of oil for the Reich and Austria.

In any case a year or two must elapse before even intensive drilling could produce any appreciable increase. Quite apart from transport problems, the quantities of Galician oil are relatively negligible in proportion to the total German consumption, once major military operations begin.

BIG OPIUM SEIZURE

Shanghai Raid On Norwegian Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, Jan. 30 (UP).—Customs and river police carried out a joint raid yesterday on the Norwegian steamer Sandviken.

Following a search of the ship, opium valued at 2,000,000 yuan was discovered.

This constitutes the biggest narcotic haul in Shanghai for years. No suspects have been arrested. The opium was found stowed in special containers hidden under the cargo.

Minor Traffic Offences

More Intelligible Notices Wanted

Minor traffic cases were heard by Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy to-day.

E. W. Fielding was cautioned for driving his car into Duddell Street, a road closed to motorcars, without permission. Fielding said it would be more intelligible if notices read "No Motorcars Without Permission," instead of simply "No Motorcars," as car-washers to be seen on the road.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said the road was used by employees of public utility companies. Traffic signs were laid down by law.

Parson Cautioned
The Rev. T. J. Malone was cautioned for driving in Wyndham Street, another closed road, without permission.

E. J. France was fined \$5 for parking his car in Chater Road near the Alexander Building, from 12.10 p.m. to 1.08 p.m. on December 22.

A parking summons against A. M. D. Lampen was withdrawn, as it was said that Lampen had returned to England.

POLES TAKE A SOLEMN OATH

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—That "there could be no neutrality of the United States as far as the European war is concerned" was the theme of a broadcast by Fiedorowski to America yesterday.

The war, he said, was between barbarism and liberty and love of the law. Who could doubt, he added, that the result will be a victory of right justice.

"We Poles have taken a solemn oath," he said, "that we will never abandon our struggle for freedom," he concluded.

Relief For 250,000 Finnish Refugees

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 30 (Reuter).—The newspaper "Aftonbladet" reports that food, clothing and medicine for 250,000 Finnish refugees, mostly children, is being purchased by the American Relief Committee for Finland.

The report says that the Committee has already purchased 224,000 worth of clothes in Stockholm.

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Il Duce Sees His War Chiefs

ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini to-day received General Soddu, the Under-Secretary for War, and other generals.

For over an hour they discussed the defensive precautions taken and to be taken.

One of the reports from the generals concerned the development of the defence, which are carried out along Italy's land frontiers.

Another of the reports concerned anti-aircraft defence.

Il Duce gave instructions that all precautions should be increased and that the food and under-arms should be strengthened by the recall of certain specialist officers and other ranks for a period of instruction.

Italy To Increase Frontier Defences
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" ROME, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Following a conference with Army leaders, Il Duce decided to increase the Italian defence forces on the borders with France, Germany and Yugoslavia.

Signor Mussolini received his high Army leaders at the Venezia Palace and held an important military conference.

Informal quarters, attack which significance to the surprise military

WESTERN FRONT

RAIN CHURNS UP THE MUD

PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A drizzle is falling on the western front, reducing visibility to a minimum and stopping all activity.

Roads are being churned into mud. Patrol activity on the front itself, however, is continuing.

Certain Activity
PARIS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—To night, French communiques state that aviation and artillery have shown a certain amount of activity on the Western Front.

measured by Signor Mussolini in view of the reportedly increasing tension in the Balkans. The measures are apparently calculated to strengthen precautions against developments in the Balkans and the Near East.

"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

KOWLOON TAKE FULL POINTS FROM THE ARMY

FOR THE SECOND SATURDAY in succession I was lucky enough to find two senior League matches with only a wire fence between them at Sookunpoo, and consequently was able to see quite a bit of both.

Winch Bowls Splendidly For Craigengower Against Indians

The game on the Club ground was cancelled on Friday afternoon by the University—so I am informed—who could not raise a side. They managed, however, to raise a second eleven for their League game with Civil Service second, though to my surprise they played a leading bowler and a leading batsman of their first eleven in this second team.

There are bound to be people turning out now for the first and now for the second, but they are those on the fringe of the first team and not established members of it. But I should have been interested to know if the Varsity could have raised a side had it been a first division League game! The cancelling of friendlies has been the great argument for a League always.

WEBB COMES OFF

THE ARMY first team had much to thank Webb and Skipwith for in their score of 130. The former is an excellent batsman when he gets going, but a very bad beginner and I learn that before I arrived he was badly dropped in the slips. He played some very nice cricket afterwards and collected 59 before a good break-back from Robert Lee clean bowled him.

Gross stopped some time. I find he has been out of cricket since the Forester Match with a damaged shoulder which hampered him a good deal when batting though it did not prevent him from keeping wicket remarkably well.

PATCHY KOWLOON BATTING

A SCORE of 130 presented few terrors to the very strong K.C.C. batting side, but there were three failures and it was not until Lloyd joined E. C. Fincher that the runs were hit off. Anderson once again exceeded the half century while Ernie Fincher made some pretty shots in his 22.

At that time it looked as if the runs might be knocked off without further loss, but Young took three quick wickets and Mackay was run out. However, Lloyd stopped and a four-wicket victory was the result.

The Army are usually Whatman's Godby, but they have found a useful bowler in Young.

Craigengower Do Well

CRAIENGOWER gave the I.R.C. a great fright, and at one time I thought they were going to pull the game off, but the Indians had a couple of useful batsmen in hand at the end.

The start of the game was sensational as H. P. Lim, W. Hong Sling and F. R. Zimmer were sent back before ten runs were on the board. A. R. H. Easman saved them, and played an extremely good innings. The great bulk of the runs were scored in his two partnerships with G. Souza, who recovered some of his form, and E. A. Lee. Souza was out to a very foolish attempt to drive. Minu's good length faster ball, Lee, who succeeded, might have been out to any of the first five balls he received, one of which he snicked for four through the slips.

No one else did anything except when Youngs and Billimoria held the last wicket up, gaining some time and a few valuable runs.

SPLENDID BOWLING BY WINCH

TO GET 121 RUNS in an hour and a half on the I.R.C. ground was a task that should have been well within the powers of the home side, especially as the out field was so fast that the ball shot to the boundary. But as it happened they found Winch in splendid form. Bowling pretty fast from the Tung Wah end and making the ball come back a bit he soon had the batsmen in trouble. He bowled both A. H. Humming and Nazarin, and when he got A. H. Macdonald taken at the wicket things began to look serious for the Indians.

F. R. Zimmer though he took no wickets was pegging the other end down very successfully. He bowled a couple of four, but which got a beauty passed him, and shortly after A. R. Minu, who had been dropped in the country off Winch, just touched one which went on to bowl him.

MIGHT HAVE WON

BUT FOR KITCHELL, who was playing the bowling well, but who could find little chance to score, Craigengower might have won. But the wicket was held up until Billimoria got M. El Arcuili in the deep,

Further Change In Rugger Fifteen

A further change has been made in the composition of the Interport rugby fifteen. D. H. Stewart, wing three-quarter, is unable to go and H. Van Leeuwen, Captain of the Club "A" XV, has been invited to take his place.

and then Kitchell was smartly taken at deep mid-off by Souza. With ten minutes or more to go there was still a chance, but Winch and three, and Ismail presented no difficulties to A. M. Rumjahn and Barker, and they played out time.

It is difficult to say whether it was good bowling or unenterprising batting that led to a miserable total of 170 runs being scored in four hours of cricket. Possibly a bit of both.

Winch (10-2-23-5) certainly was very good and Minu (17-3-6-57-7) also did well though maybe he should have made more use of A. M. Rumjahn and Arcuili. I have never seen Ernie Zimmer in better form behind the sticks, and he could have given points and a beating to his brother on the other side of the fence.

C. S. First Success

THE CIVIL SERVICE Second Eleven won their first League match on Saturday by three runs only. However, as I have remarked elsewhere it wasn't such a bad performance as N. Singh took 6 wickets for 52 runs, and he is a First Eleven star bowler. Batting, G. Hong Choy made 49 runs. He also is a member of the First Eleven.

The Civil Service batted first, and showed a welcome amount of general success. No less than six players made scores between 10 and 20. Under the circumstances their total of 112 was satisfactory. They managed to get their opponents out for 109.

Fenton, who went on first change, took 3 for 23 in 4.3 overs. Buckle and Bond were a bit expensive, taking two wickets each. Incidentally I notice that neither Robertson nor MacGowan were playing for the Civil Service.

Return To Form

THE KOWLOON and Army Second match has already been dealt with, and I will only remark here that Man seems to have come back to form with the bat, while Patterson was again successful. The K.C.C. will have to get a move on if they are going to be in the running this year.

Police Win Friendly

THE CRAIENGOWER Second Eleven made an unexpectedly poor showing against the Police who batted first and made 161. Loughlin (41), was ably assisted by Clarke (24) and Stevens (20 not out), while in the bowling Pope had one of his good days. His figures read 8-1-27-0. Craigengower could manage no more than 88.

Bishop Sargent's Side

I SEE that Bishop Sargent, who has come down here, I understand, for a short visit, has managed to preserve his cricket interest in spite of the calls of his episcopal duties. He took a team mostly from the schools here to play an "A" side of the Club de Recreio, who were, of course, rather too strong for their visitors. They knocked out 209 for 7 wickets, but they failed to get out Bishop Sargent's eleven who put up 102 for 7 wickets. A. G. M. Fraia batted all through for 48 not out.

Schoolboy Cricket Prodigy

10 Wickets For 53 And 367 Not Out

SYDNEY, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Australia continues to produce boy cricket prodigies. The latest is a Queensland schoolboy named Kenneth Mackay, who, by taking all ten wickets for 53 runs and following up with an innings of 367 not out, performed one of the most remarkable feats in cricket.

Mackay helped his club, Virginia, to score 653 runs against Sherwood and by doing so he carried his aggregate for the season to 1,031 runs at an average of 51.55. Mackay's score is not a record for school cricket, but his notable "double" is probably the first of its kind.

The biggest innings on record was made in a junior house match at Clifton College (England) in 1899 by A. E. J. Collins, who scored 628 not out in 6 hours 50 minutes, spread over five afternoons.

Successful Week-end Shoot Arranged By Dockyard Club

THE WEEK-END SHOOT at the Kowloon City Ranges was held under the auspices of the Dockyard Rifle Club, and 130 members were attracted to participate in a number of interesting and novel events.

Although firing took place in rather poor light with a fairly strong cross wind, performances on the whole were good. Twenty-six marksmen had scores of 90 and over in the aperture sights class, while Q.M.S. J. Ball again put up an excellent performance in the open sights class with a score of 95, securing the net spoon.

Prizes under special conditions were awarded at 200, 500 and 600 yards. These were won by L.A.C. L. R. Hunt, of the R.A.F. (aperture) and Pte. R. A. Castro (open sights) at 200 yards; by Lt. C. Otway, R.E., and Pte. T. Dudgeon, R. Scots, at 500 yards, and by Capt. F. P. Sequeira, Volunteers (five bulls) and Insp. Ali Mohamed, H.K. Police (five magpies) at 600 yards.

The team shoot between Royal Engineers and the Royal Air Force in the semi-final round of the Bellillo Shield Competition was won by the Sappers, who scored 528 points.

In the revolver match at 10 and 15 yards, the net spoon was won by

U.S. Tennis Players Barred From Europe

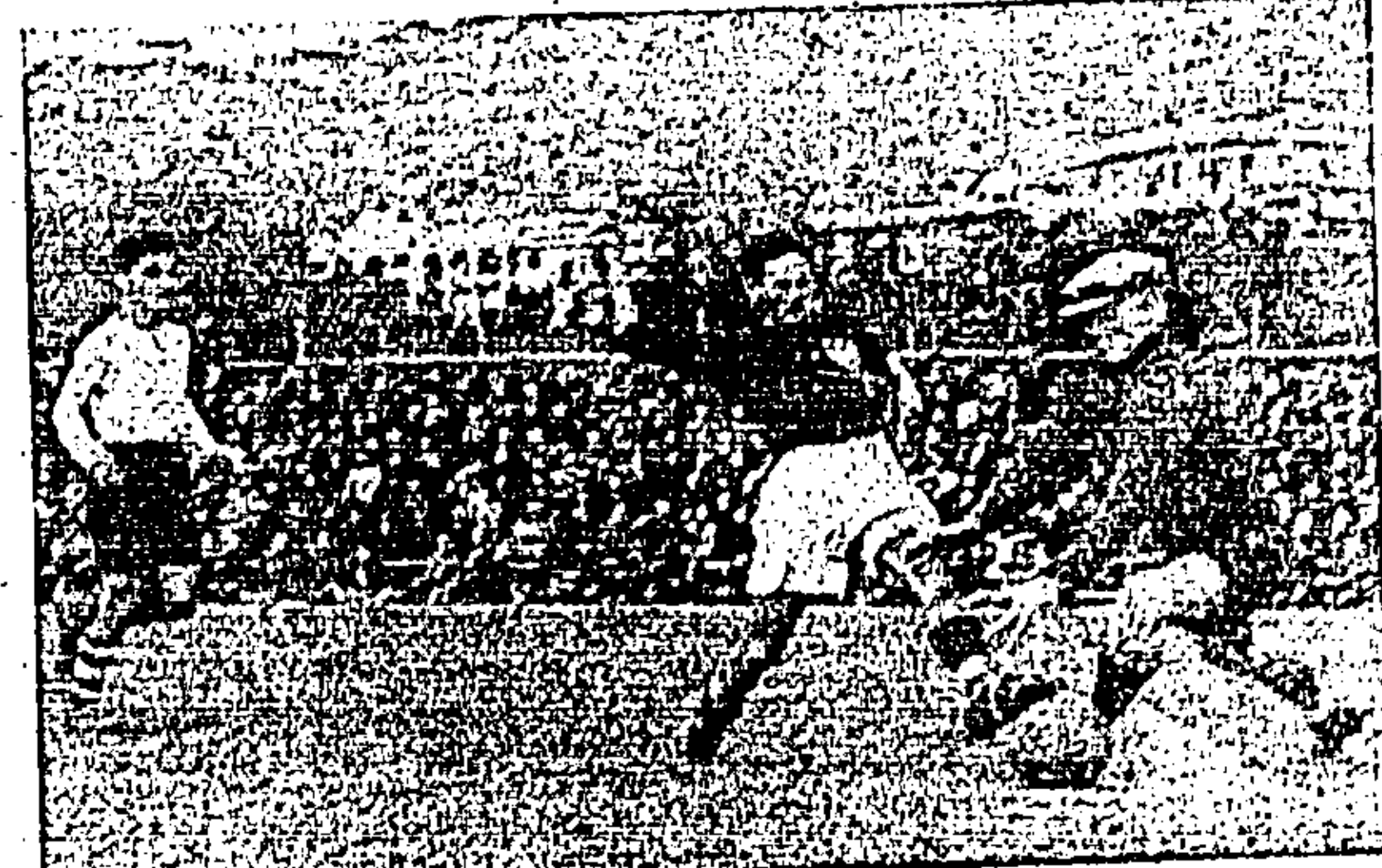
NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (Reuter).—No American lawn tennis players will be authorized to play in Europe at present. This decision was made by the American Lawn Tennis Association after receiving an invitation from Italy to send players to their next championships, to be held in Rome.

Sgt. K. C. Ho, of the Police Reserves, who secured 53 points out of a possible 60, while the handicap spoon was won by Mr. W. A. Tansley, formerly of the Hongkong Police Reserves.

COMMODORE COMPETES

Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, of the Manchester Regiment, won the open event in the Clay Bird Shoot with 17 out of 25 and Mr. A. P. Evans won the handicap spoon. Among the competitors were Commodore A. M. Peters and Flag Lt. W. A. Elliott. To-morrow's shooting on the Kowloon City Ranges will be at 300, 500 and 600 yards, while there will also be revolver shooting at 15 and 20 yards. Results of Sunday's shooting was as follows:

Aperture Sights	100	200	500	600	Ttl.
1st	31	31	31	31	124
2nd	21	21	21	21	84
3rd	11	11	11	11	44
4th	6	6	6	6	24
5th	1	1	1	1	4
6th	0	0	0	0	0
7th	0	0	0	0	0
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20th	0	0	0	0	0



Taylor (Civilians' goalkeeper) scooping the ball from the toes of Hau Ching-to (Combined Chinese) in the Lai Wah Cup match at Causeway Bay on Sunday. Maxwell (Civilians) is close behind. The Chinese won 4-2.—Mec Cheung.

Golf Mayhew And Smith In Captain's Cup Final

IN THE SEMI-FINALS of the match play stages of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club's Captain's Cup competition (1939) during the week-end, J. W. Mayhew (10) beat D. S. Edwards (4) three and two, and J. T. Smith (2) beat N. K. Littlejohn (10) six and five.

STUBBS SHIELD

Third round results in the Stubbs Shield competition were as follows: Asiatic Petroleum Co. beat Leigh and Orange three and two; Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps beat Dodwell and Co. at the 19th; Harbour

AUSTRALIAN SINGLES TITLE FOR QUIST

SYDNEY, Jan. 20 (Reuter).—In the Australian tennis championship final, Adrian Quist beat Jack Crawford 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Office beat Butterfield and Swire at the 20th; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Chinese Maritime Customs one up.

Qualifiers At Kowloon

W. C. Hung (93-18-79) and Ramsey (64-8-70) qualified for the Kowloon Golf Club Captain's Cup competition during the past week-end. The draw for the first round of the competition will be announced later.

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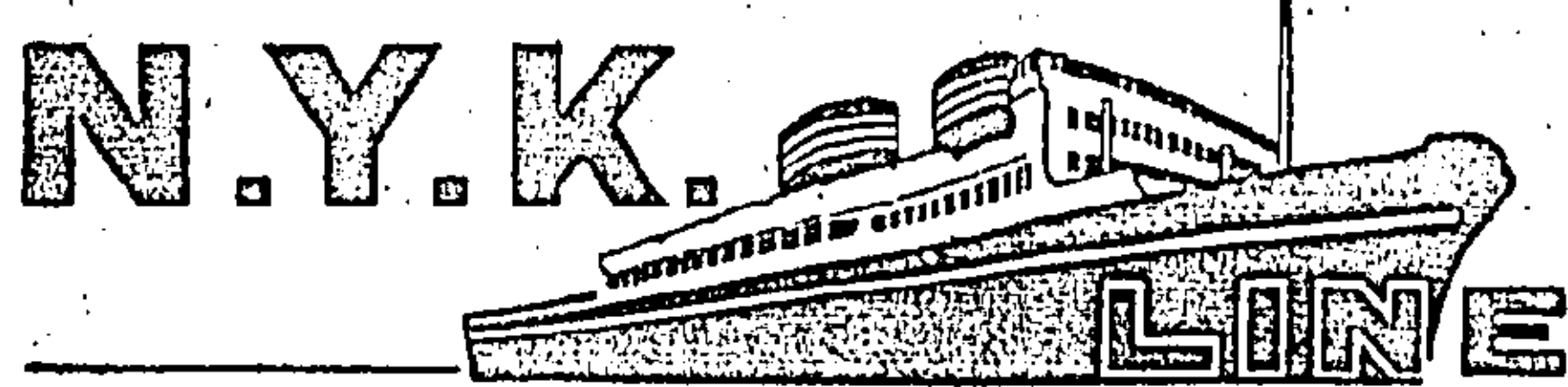
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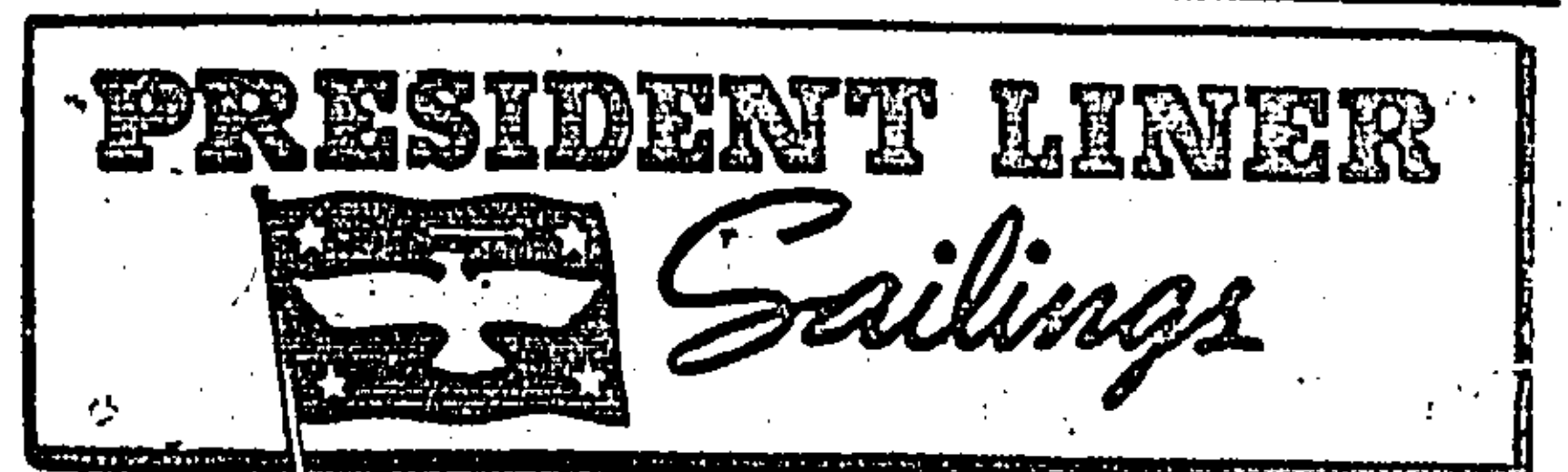
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Japanese Start Anti-U.S. "Hate"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PEIPING, Jan. 30 (UP).—The Japanese-controlled
Press in North China, which for months has been turning
its big guns on Britain, is swinging into a bitter attack
on the United States.

The official "Hsin Min Pao" to-day described
America as the "imperialistic obstructor of the New
Order in East Asia."

MAY LEAD TO WAR

American Interest
In Far East

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—
The possibility that the United
States interest in China might
lead her to participation in the
European war was suggested to-
day by Sir Frederick Whyte,
director of the American division
of the Ministry of Information,
when he gave a lecture at Ox-
ford.

He said that the American
policy implied the frustration of
any attempt by other Powers to
secure control of China.

These motives to-day engaged the
United States more closely in the
Sino-Japanese conflict than any other
Power, with the possible exception of
the Soviet Union, and it might well
be one of the causes which would
involve the United States in the present
conflict.

The Sino-Japanese conflict had no
direct connection with the war in
Europe, but in the last resort it was
not really apart from it.

"If this is true, American will prob-
ably discover that her special interest
in the Far East will profoundly affect
her duty to Europe," declared Sir
Frederick Whyte.

"Since the outbreak of hosti-
lities in China, the United States
and Britain have urged Chung-
king to fight Japan.

"They have given China munitions
and money and are now helping the
Chinese guerrillas."

The Japanese-controlled newspaper
urged the expropriation of "illegally
gained" foreign property, especially
British property.

"We are the owners of Asia," it de-
clared. "Since the beginning of the
Twentieth Century the mainland has
been subjected to aggression by the
United States, Britain, France and
the Soviet—all sponsored by Jews."

"These Powers regard the main-
land as a colony, the people as slaves
and the resources as foreign prop-
erty."

Shanghai Warning

Meanwhile, considerable interest
has been manifest in Shanghai at
a declaration yesterday by a
Japanese Army spokesman.

"Conditions in Shanghai are not
necessarily satisfactory," he declared.
"For this reason measures are under
consideration."

"I cannot disclose the nature of
these measures for it might aid the
enemy."

The spokesman indicated, however,
that "measures will be taken to re-
duce the smuggling of munitions to
guerrillas by foreigners."

"Conditions are still regrettable as
a result of this smuggling."

"In view of the character of the
International Settlement and the
French Concession, Japan cannot set-
tle this matter alone."

Blind Jealousy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—
The "Washington Post" in an editorial
commenting on Wang Ching-wei's
agreement with the Japanese, says:
"Japan's Twenty-one Demands in 1925
were mild in comparison with these
latest expressions of Japanese ambi-
tions."

"China would be transformed into
another Manchukuo, a land ruled by
Chinese puppets manipulated by
Japanese wire-pullers."

The conclusion can hardly be
avoided, Wang Ching-wei, with his
overwhelming ambition and blind
jealousy of Chiang Kai-shek, has
sold his birthright for a mess of
poisonous pottage."

Inspired Attack On Wang Ching-wei

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—
"Pravda" denounces "the traitor,
Wang Ching-wei," stating that the
object of the agreement with Japan
was to place China in a position was
to complete subservience to Japan.

The fact that the question of
formation of a government by Wang
has been resurrected indicates the
ever-increasing difficulties Japan is
encountering in China.

"Izvestia," studying the economic
position of Japan, gives a long
account of the strain of war on the
Japanese agricultural system and
emphasises Japan's lack of foreign
exchange, raw material and shrinking
foreign trade.

Observers here are wondering if
there is any connection between the
anti-Japanese articles and the present
trade talks.

It is generally believed that the
Japanese are holding out for cessation
of Soviet aid to General Chiang Kai-
shek and recognition of some puppet
government, while commercially
Japan is reported to be offering
Russia piece goods and wants in ex-
change of oil, timber and iron ore.
Negotiations are not far advanced.

Highest Paid Baseballer Of The Year

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. Jan.
29 (UP).—Benny McCoy, 23
years of age and former rookie
second baseman for the Detroit
Tigers, became the year's highest
paid player when he signed a
two-year contract with the
Philadelphia Athletics at an
annual salary of \$10,000. He
also received a \$45,000 bonus
before signing.

McCoy is a player of less than a
year's experience in Major League
baseball.

Ten Clubs bid for his services,
after Landis, the Tigers' manager,
had declared him a free agent.

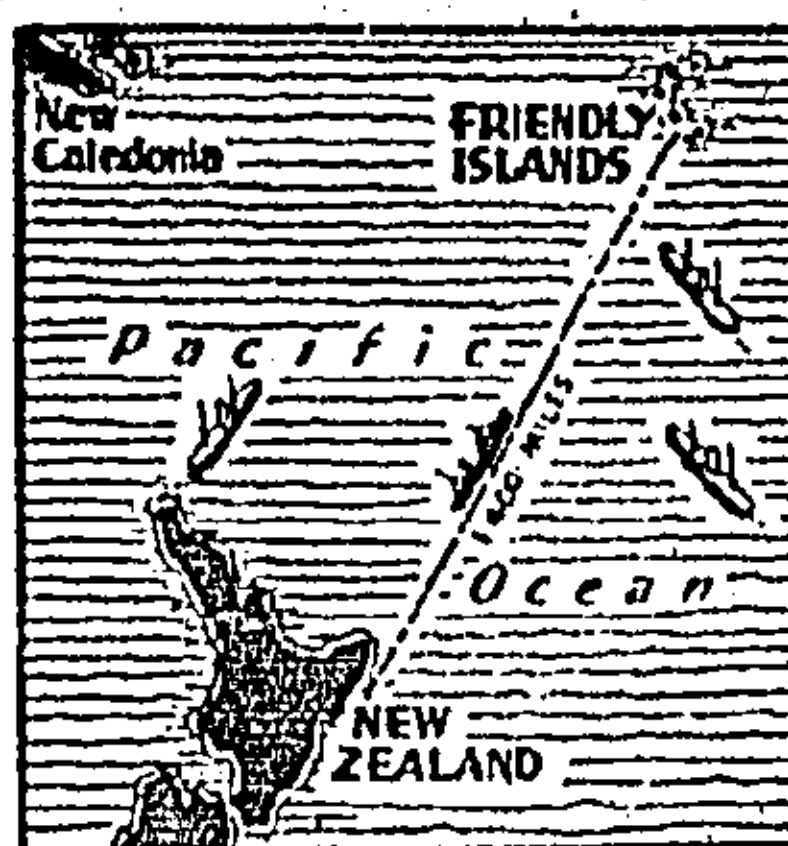
It is understood that the Athletics
will release or farm out Lodoigiani,
their second baseman for 1939.

N.Z. Sympathy For 'Quake Victims

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The
contributions of Britain and France
to earthquake relief in Turkey have
been supplemented by a gift from one
of the most far-flung sections of the
Empire.

"New Zealand has sent £5,000 to
the Turkish National Fund."

Isles Of The Blessed



EVEN in these times, the
32,000 inhabitants of
the Tonga Islands, British
Protectorate in the Pacific,
can sit comparatively
pretty.

There's no income tax, no
public debt, no housing prob-
lem.

And the Colonial Office
report for 1938, which men-
tions these blessings, adds:
"Labour, in the ordinary
sense of the term, may be
said not to exist."

Another name for the
group is the Friendly Is-
lands. Appropriate, isn't it?

NEUTRALS MINED

Nazi Murder War Catches Innocents

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—
A small Dutch vessel, Norn, was
mined off the south-east coast
early in the morning.

Although the stern was blown away
and she was sinking rapidly, a salvage
tug was able to tow her to shore
where she was beached.

All the crew are believed to be safe
aboard another salvage vessel.

The explosion was so great that
people were shaken in their beds.

A rising tide carried the vessel
further ashore and drove her clean
through a pier, leaving a huge gap
at the shore end of the pier between
70 and 100 yards.

Half Crew Missing
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—
Seven of the crew of the Norwegian
steamer Faro, of 344 tons, which went
ashore on the North-east coast owing
to ice, were reported to be missing.

Three are reported to be dead
while four are missing.

Mine Washed Ashore
LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A
mine was washed ashore at a south-
east coast resort to-day, blew up a
new sea-wall and smashed hundreds
of windows.

The mine struck a promenade on
which work was still in progress.

One man was blown away, and
three others were damaged.

The concrete work is over three
feet thick and is reinforced with
steel-work.

On top of a cliff, windows within
a quarter-mile radius were smashed.

Vitamins For Margarine

Ministry Control Of Foodstuffs

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—
Mr. Lennox-Boyd, Under-
Secretary in the Ministry of
Food, stated to-day that meat
rationing will be announced at
a comparatively early date, and
that there would be a large lag
between the announcement and
its implementation.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd also stated that
after February 5, all margarines will
be vitaminised with vitamins A and
D to make them equal in vitamin
content with butter.

The Food Ministry has also made
an order revoking "provisional
prices" for tea.

The order was made at the out-
break of war with the object of pre-
venting speculation while arrange-
ments for the control of tea supplies
were completed.

The Ministry is now making con-
tracts with Empire producers and
tea will be passed through trade
channels for distribution to the con-
sumer.

It is stated that some variation
from time to time in the supply of
particular brands must be expected,
but prices will be kept under close
review.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd told the press
conference that the Food Ministry in
the future will be the sole importer
of tea.

Revocation of the order will not
lead to a general rise in price, and
the Ministry does not anticipate any
marked increase in the price.

Supplies are adequate, but in wartime
it is inevitable that certain brands
of tea, from time to time, might be
in short supply, but the Ministry had
ample powers to check any undue
rise in price.

Replying to questions, Mr. Lennox-
Boyd said that a considerable range
of brands would be available. There
would be no standard blend in addi-
tion to the existing blends, and there
was no suggestion of a national tea.

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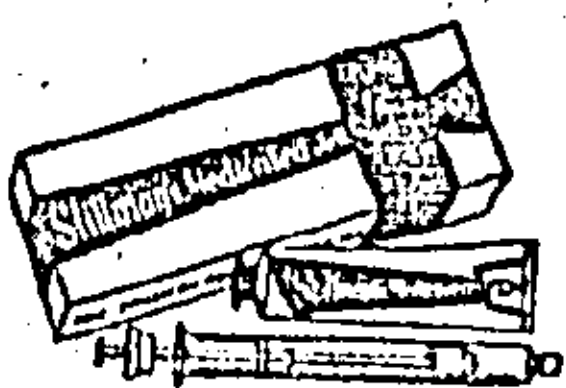
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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EAT, DRINK... & Keep Fit



A Physician discusses Family Food Values

only a little for repairing tissues used up by work.

On the other hand, if hard manual work is a part of the adult's job, he or she needs more fuel food; that is to say, more carbohydrate, than the child.

With a perversity which is typical of the grown-up, it is, as a rule, the man who gets the meat and the child the bread and jam.

Vitamins are essential chemicals which are to be found in most food-stuffs, but some foods are more valuable in this respect than others. It is a job to choose the best if you know little about the subject.

You won't go far wrong if your daily menu contains fresh fruit, eggs, milk and cheese, with, perhaps, a liver dish once a week.

You can fill up the gaps with a daily dose of cod liver oil. This is plentiful now and is packed with vitamins which build up a strong resistance to winter ills and chills.

Watch Your Appetite

As regards amount, if your appetite is not over-stimulated by a particularly good cook and fare is plain but good, it won't lead you far astray.

It is possible to exist—and exist is the right word—on concentrated food-stuffs of the right kind and amount, but there is much to be said for the good old "blow-out" if it happens no more than once a day.

A feeling of repulsion after a good meal is a mental tonic, and we all need some sort of boost these dark days.

But don't forget that eating too well can become a habit, and not a good habit at that.

Can I have some tea in my milk, too?

The right food gives us warmth and energy; as that we can carry on with our work. It builds up the young and repairs the wear and tear of the adult.

The ideal proportions of the three great constituents—protein, carbohydrate and fat, are these: Protein one-sixth, fat one-sixth, carbohydrate two-thirds.

Fats may be increased in cold weather with advantage, at the expense of the carbohydrate intake.

Mineral salts, which are found in most foodstuffs, and water complete the necessary ingredients.

Proteins are the body-building, repairing stuffs and are contained in all meat, fish, eggs and milk. Fats need no explanation; carbohydrates are all the sugars and starches.

You find the latter in cereals, wheat, jam, treacle and so on. They are all reduced to sugar in the process of digestion, and if you have too much of them they form extra fat. That is why people who want to slim cut them down.

Children should have their full share of the body-builders. They need more protein than the adult, who has stopped growing and needs

I HAVE FOUND— THAT cash cords will not wear out quickly if rubbed over occasionally with a soft rag dipped in hot linseed oil.

When scrubbing the copper after boiling clothes, add a little ammonium to the water. This removes soap scum, which is difficult once it becomes hard.

Before using a new casserole temper it first by rubbing the inside with a raw onion, then fill with cold water and bring to the boil. Let the water cool in the casserole.

SHORT CUTS

To clean old brass use salt moistened with vinegar.

Patty shells for chicken à la king or creamed vegetables may be made from stale bread. Cut out cup-shaped molds; paint with melted butter, using a pastry brush; brown under flame in a hot oven and serve at once.

J. J.

Cheese Replaces Meat

By JUDITH WILSON

CHEESE is high in nutritive value and an excellent and inexpensive substitute for meat. One pound of cheese is said to contain as much fuel value as two pounds of meat. Cheese may be added to white sauce and served with boiled rice or boiled vegetables or plain on toast. It may be combined with

Angora For Your Knitwear

If you are making any knitwear garments for yourself, or for presents, you should use angora wool, for this is to be the wool of the moment this season.

Not only are jumpers made of this delightful material, but it is also being used for dressing-jackets, bed wraps, and hood and scarf sets by many professional knitters.

Even gloves and ankle socks are being knitted in angora, in two and sometimes three colours. A good idea is to knit a complete set consisting of jumper, scarf, hood, gloves, and socks in three shades, using one as the basic shade, and working in the others in stripes round the bottom of the jumper, the ends of the scarf, the cuffs of the gloves, and the turn-downs of the socks.

Some people avoid using angora as they are uncertain how it washes. There is no need to worry about this point, however, for it will wash quite successfully if you use the same precautions as you would for washing other wools.

Use lukewarm lather made of a good brand of soap flakes, and be very careful with the rinsing, using three clear rinsing waters at least, more if the third still shows traces of soapiness after use.

Do not hang jumpers, dressing-jackets, or similar garments until they are almost dry, and then hang them up on a coat-hanger. Gloves should be put on wire glove dryers and hung up, and socks should be hung by the toe, leg downwards.

Do not put any wool articles too near artificial heat to dry or they will tend to harden. Hang them in the sun when possible, and when dry shake them until the fluffiness comes back to the wool. A good angora should not require brushing up.

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left-over cereal, and shaped into cakes, and baked in the oven or browned in a little fat in a pan.

A meatless loaf made with rice and cottage cheese is a tasty and satisfying main dish for supper or luncheon.

MEATLESS LOAF

1 cup cooked rice
1 egg
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup crushed peanuts
1 tablespoon butter or other fat
½ teaspoon pepper

Combine all ingredients and bake in a greased loaf pan in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 minutes. Serves 6.

CHEESE AND POTATO CROQUETTES

1 cup cottage cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 rounded teaspoon chopped green pepper
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne
Dash of paprika

Combine ingredients in the order named and mix very thoroughly. Form into small rolls. Press each roll in mashed potatoes which have been seasoned with salt and pepper, forming a larger roll of each. Roll the finished croquettes in egg and bread crumbs and fry in a pan containing about 1 tablespoon of hot fat, or brush with melted fat and brown in a hot oven.

CHEESE FONDUE

1½ cups milk
1½ cups bread crumbs
2 tablespoons butter
2 eggs
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1½ cups grated American cheese

Scald milk in double boiler. Add crumbs, butter, well-beaten eggs, salt and pepper. Cook over hot water 5 minutes. Add cheese and cook slowly until cheese is melted, stirring constantly. Serve garnished with toast points.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

1 cup macaroni
1½ cups white sauce
¾ cup chopped or grated American cheese
Buttered crumbs

Break macaroni into pieces 1 inch long, boil, strain and rinse. Mix white sauce into hot, well-seasoned white sauce, and put macaroni and sauce in buttered baking dish in layers. Sprinkle buttered crumbs on top and brown well in a hot oven (400 degrees F.)

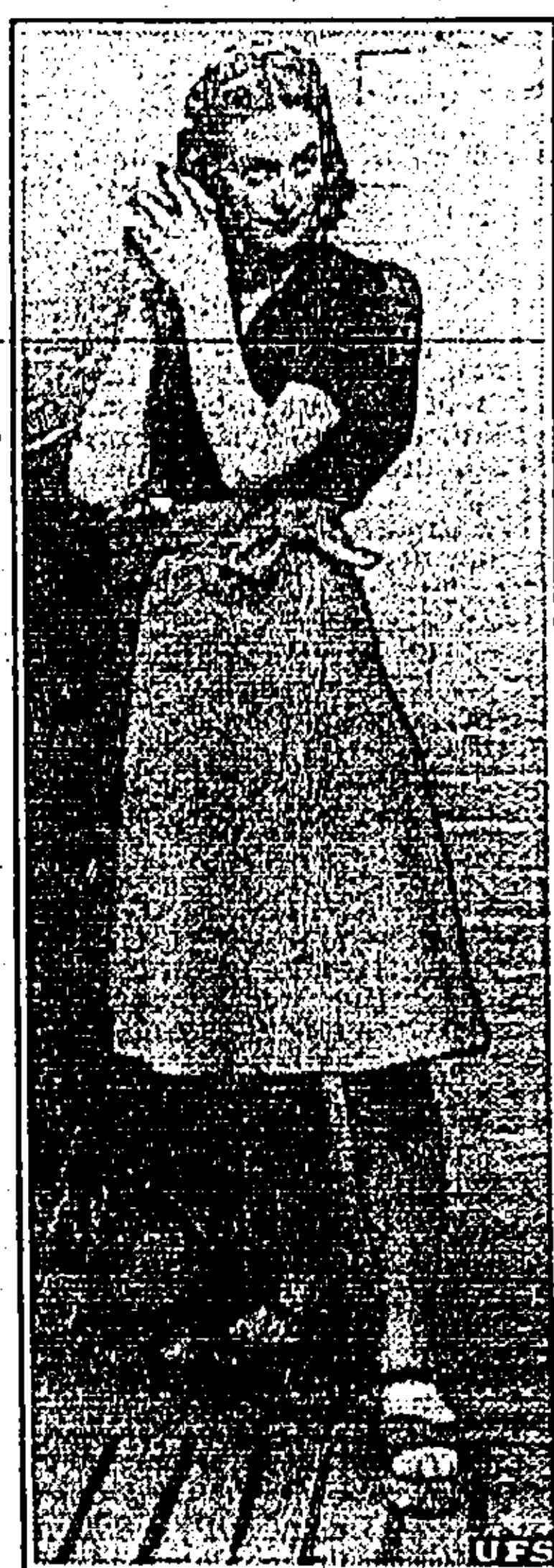
Beetroot Chutney

AN economical and appetising chutney to serve with cold meat.

Ingredients: 3lb. beetroot, 1½lb. apples, 2 large onions, ½lb. sugar, ½ tsp. ground ginger, juice of 1 lemon, 1 tsp. salt, 1 pint vinegar.

Boil beetroot in salted water for 1½ hours, then skin and cut into cubes. Chop apples and boil for 20 minutes in vinegar to which sugar, lemon juice, salt, ginger and chopped onions have been added.

Add beetroot and boil for further 15 minutes. When the chutney is cool, bottle and tie down.



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You've Got To Earn Streamlined Figure

By JACQUELINE HUNT

Every woman would probably have insured perfection of line on the screen if for the wishing, or if there were a possible, consult an expert and let her tell you what type of body is best for you. Choose a lovely body, you've got to different types for different costumes and activities. You should have at least one for dress wear and another for wearing when you work around the house, or take part in your favourite indoor sport.

By now, I hope you have launched yourself on a reducing routine. You are following an intelligent diet that is high in vitamins and low in calories; you are taking simple but effective exercises for stimulating and firming your bust, your waistline, your hips, thighs and arms; you are seeing that your face gets plenty of softening creams and massage to keep its tissues firm and skin moist and soft.

It's work, of course, but I hope you are enjoying every minute of it, down. This will help to train you to carry yourself well later after you are making yourself more attractive in the eye of your husband or fiancé and that your women friends will be envious of your youthful appearance.

Don't For Beauty

Here is a list of don'ts for you, if you are overweight and wish to reduce as beautifully as possible:

Don't indulge in between-meal snacks or rich desserts.

Don't wear shorts, or even shortish skirts.

Don't wear high heels, hoping they'll make you look less dumpy.

Don't wear tiny hats or swim suits with halter tops.

Don't wear bright colours or dress with horizontal lines.

Don't wear brasieres that flatten you.

Don't wear long-haired furs.

Don't choose a long-haired coiffure for yourself.

Don't use too much make-up especially rouge.

Don't rush so that you are always puffing and wheezing.

Take your time. Every exercise should be done moderately at first. And you should relax when you have completed your routine.

Flattering Clothes

But this isn't all you need to have a beautiful figure. You need clothes that are smartly cut along lines that are most flattering and most likely to conceal your figure faults—for you do not get results all at once, you know! It may take several months or even a year to accomplish the sylphlike figure you covet.

In the meantime, you need the extra help that a properly designed girdle can give you. A foundation, girdle, all-in-one or pantie will give you better than average lines while you are working and waiting for final results. It will mold away those unsightly bulges about your hips, put fleshy upper thighs in their places, smooth away that lingering trace of a spare tire about your middle.

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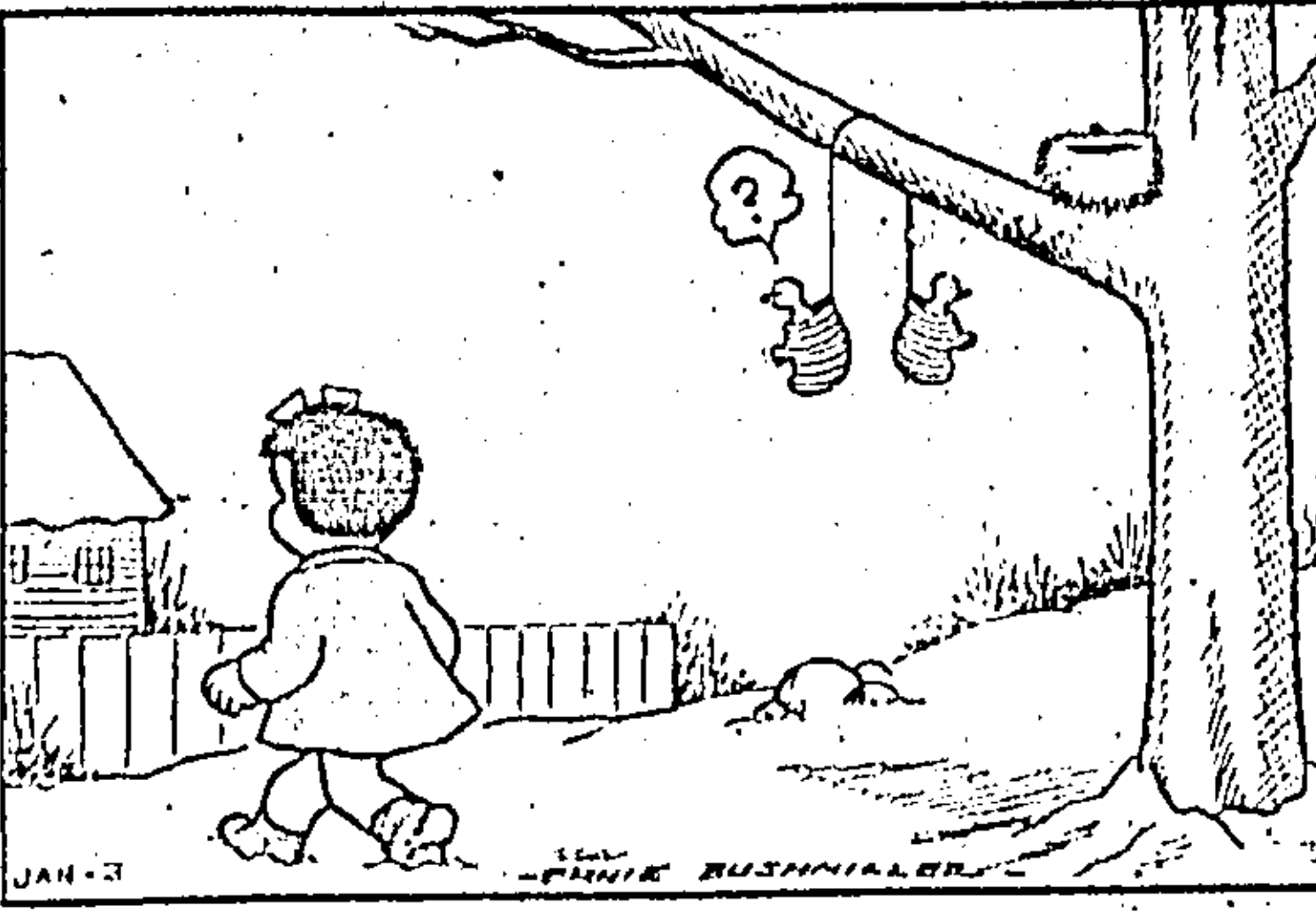
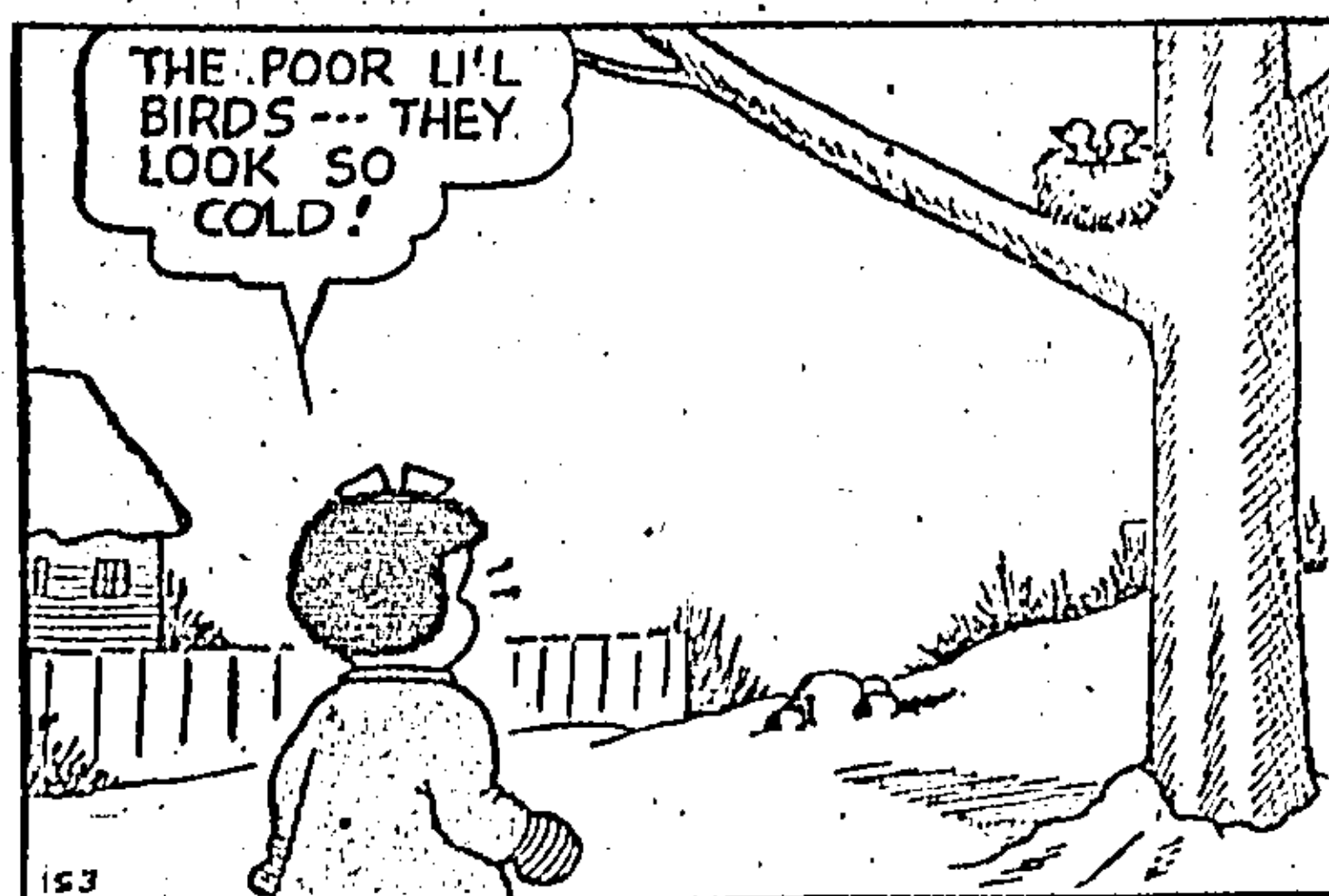
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

NINOTCHKA

Three members of the Russian Board of Trade come to Paris to sell the court jewels of the exiled former Grand Duchess Swana. Wanting, for once, to taste magnificence, they engage the Royal Suite in the Hotel Clarence, and telephone the jeweller, Mercier. A waiter at the hotel, the former Count Alexis Rakonin, overhears the telephone conversation and hastens to the Duchess Swana with the news that her jewels are in Paris to be sold. Count Leon d'Algot, her lover, overhears the mention of jewels.

"RAKONIN, bless him, has given me the most amazing news! I must call my lawyer at once."

"I am sorry, but I have to leave," said Rakonin.

"Thank you so much, my friend. I will get in touch with you."

Duchess Swana put in her call while the maid was showing Rakonin out. Count d'Algot, highly interested, listened to Swana's conversation with her lawyer.

"Oh, Monsieur Cornillon, the most incredible thing has happened. My jewels are here in Paris. Three Bolshevik swines are trying to sell them! We must act at once! Call the police—have them arrested! Well, then get an injunction."

But they are my jewels! There must be some way of getting them back! . . . But how can there be a question? Are you my lawyer or theirs? All-right, I'll let you know."

"What did he say?" asked Leon.

"Pretty hopeless, but there may be a chance. The French Government has recognized Soviet Russia and he doubts that it will risk a war for my poor sake. He might make some sort of a case, but it will cost money, money, money! That's all they are interested in, those lawyers!"

"Darling, calm down," said Leon, taking her in his arms. "Why do you need a lawyer? Haven't you your little Volga boatman?"

She looked up at him, hope dawning, and gave him a grateful kiss.

MERCIER, the jeweller, removed the eye-piece through which he had been examining the Duchess Swana's jewels which the three Soviet agents had spread out on a table in the Royal Suite.

"Very good . . . excellent . . . superb. It would be foolish to belittle the quality of the gems, but your terms are impossible. My counter offer is the absolute maximum."

"But, Monsieur," objected Kopalski, "the jewels—"

"Gentlemen, I'll let you in on a little secret—we are undertaking this deal only for the prestige involved, and, quite frankly, we expect to take a loss."

Iranoff drew Buljanoff to one side, whispering: "Capitalistic methods!"

"They accumulate millions by taking loss after loss."

Kopalski left the jeweller to answer the telephone: "Yes? Count d'Algot? No, no, it must be a mistake. We can't be disturbed?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

"I assure you," continued the jeweller, "no one else could meet the figure named by my syndicate under present economic conditions."

"We can wait," said Kopalski. "Let's put our cards face down, gentlemen. You need money and you need it quickly. Right now there is a Russian commission in New York trying to sell fifteen Rembrandts; another in London mortgaging the oil fields in Baku. Now, my offer is fair and does not even take advantage of your situation."

THE Russian agents again withdrew for a whispered consultation.

"He's cutting our throats, but we have to accept," said Iranoff.

"But don't let's give in so quickly," objected Kopalski. "We have to uphold the prestige of Russia."

"All right," said Buljanoff. "let's uphold it for another ten minutes."

As they returned to the jeweller, there was a knock on the door. Iranoff unlocked it. Count Leon d'Algot introduced himself.

"We don't want to be disturbed. Return later if you want to see us."

"I want a word with Monsieur Mercier," Leon pushed past Iranoff despite the latter's remonstrances and approached the jeweller. "Monsieur Mercier, I am Count Leon d'Algot. I think I had the pleasure of meeting you in your beautiful shop. I was admiring a platinum watch with diamond numbers."

"Oh, yes. Yes, I recall. I hope you haven't closed the deal for these jewels. It might bring you into serious difficulties."

"Who are you? What do you want?" asked the Soviet agents, getting between Leon and the jeweller spread out on the table.

"These jewels are the property of the Duchess Swana of Russia, and were seized illegally by the Soviet Government."

am acting for Her Highness, the Duchess. Here is my power of attorney."

AS Mercier read the document, Kopalski interjected: "These may have been the property of the Duchess Swana, but, like all private property, they were confiscated by the State."

"We'll leave the problem of their ownership to the French courts," returned Leon. "Meanwhile, I have filed for an injunction to prohibit you from either selling or removing the jewels. Here is a copy. The Russian agents read the injunction, flabbergasted, and Leon turned to the jeweller. "I thought it my duty to warn you, Monsieur Mercier. I would hate to see you get into trouble."

"Thank you," said the jeweller, and addressed the Soviet agents: "This introduces a new element into our negotiations. Until this claim is completely settled, we can do nothing. Understand, my offer stands as soon as you produce a clear title, approved by the French courts. Until then, good day."

"I hope you will forgive me," said Leon as the jeweller made for the door.

"On the contrary, I consider myself very lucky. Good day," Leon went back to the discomfited Russians. "Well, gentlemen, how about a little lunch?"

"Get out of here!" commanded Iranoff.

"Don't look so gloomy, gentlemen. All is not lost. You may have a chance—a very slim one. I want to be fair. You might make out some kind of a case."

"We haven't anything to discuss with you," Kopalski broke out angrily. "We'll talk to a lawyer! To our Ambassador!"

"All right, go ahead. You talk to a lawyer and I'll talk to the judge!"

"That won't help you. You can't intimidate us. Soviet Russia will put all its might behind this case."

"I warn you gentlemen, if this case comes to trial it will be before a French court, and when a woman so charming, beautiful and exquisite as the Duchess Swana takes the stand—"

"All right, get her on the witness stand. What can she say?"

"How will she look? The fashion this spring is very becoming to her. The judge will read the wire:

be French, the jurors will be French, everybody in that court room will be French. And when a beautiful woman sits on the witness stand in a French court and lifts her skirt a little—"

"I suppose you expect us to hand over the jewels?" said Iranoff.

"Oh, no, I am not a highwayman. All I'm trying to do is to make things as difficult for you as possible."

"We are not giving in an inch," said Kopalski, "but tell us what is in your mind."

"All right, but let's have a little lunch." Leon went to the telephone and called for room service.

FOR the next hour champagne flowed freely in the Royal Suite of the Hotel Clarence. Lovely cigarette girls were most ingratiating while the Soviet agents were in an admiring and generous mood. It became a loud and hilarious but harmless party. Leon quickly became Leonitchka to the Soviet agents, and they were Sascha, Serge and Mischa to him. He sat at a desk, apart from the hubbub, a telegraph blank in front of him. At his call the befuddled agents gathered about him.

"Why should you bother about this telegram to Moscow? I'll write it for you."

"Leon—Leonitchka, why are you so good to us?" said Buljanoff, kissing his cheek.

"Oh, Leon, you are so good," said Kopalski, embracing him. "What's the name of that Commissar on the Board of Trade?"

"Razin," said Kopalski. "You wouldn't like Razin."

"He's a bad man," said Buljanoff. "Sends people to Siberia."

"We don't like Razin. But we like you, Leon," said Iranoff. "Don't we like Leon?"

THE question brought on renewed demonstrations of drunken Russian affection, and Leon pushed them away and began to write

on the telegraph blank. "There, how does this strike you?" He read the wire:

"Commissar Razin, Board of Trade, Moscow. Unexpected situation here. Duchess Swana in Paris claims jewels and has already brought injunction against sale or removal. After long and careful study we suggest in the interest of our beloved country a fifty-fifty settlement as best solution. Iranoff, Buljanoff, and Kopalski."

"If we say that, Leon, we'll be sent to Siberia!" said Kopalski.

But Rakonin, the waiter, entered with more champagne, and while the agents were busy with that and the cigarette girls, Leon gave the telegram to Rakonin with instructions to send it.

TO-MORROW THE ENVOY

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Recordings to-day do not display a great amount of activity they have however, been marked by an impressive rise in Douglas. After remaining nominal for a long while, they have come into prominence. Emerging from total neglect an enquiry set in, without attracting shares, and it was not until to-day, when the rate was advanced to \$100 bid, that any passing of shares took place. At the close the demand was still unsatisfied.

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,365
Canton Ins.	\$205
Douglases	\$100
Wharves	\$101
Docks	\$20 1/2
Providents	\$4.35
Hotels	\$5.10
Landis	\$23.70
Electric	\$55.20
Telephones (Old)	\$24
Watsons	\$8.00
Entertainments	\$0.00
Sellers	
Union Ins.	\$470
Electric	\$55 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	\$102
Sales	
Douglases	\$100
Docks	\$20 1/2
Providents	\$4.40
Hotels	\$5.15
Telephones (Old)	\$24 1/2
Cements	\$10 1/2

PETS SCARCE

Owing to the "panic destruction" of thousands of pets when war broke out last September there is a shortage in London of kittens and puppies. As a result, people who evacuated find on returning, that mice or rats are over-running their homes. More than 60,000 dogs and cats were destroyed and buried by the P.D.S.A. last September, but now officials are receiving countless requests for new pets.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan—"Trial By Jury" and "The Pirates of Penzance."

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 The Bohemians—Swing Me Up Higher—A Fair Ground Fantasy, A Day in Tyrol, My Dream—Waltz, Moss Rose—Waltz, with Vocal Effects.

1.15 Harry Roy and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

1.30 Rutter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Variety—Three Little Fishies, Strawberry Fair, The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar), Neapolitan Serenade, The Butterflies, Alfredo Campoli and His Salon Orchest.

2.15 Close down.

2.0 Competitions of Schubert—Moments Musicque, Op. 24, Ethel Leginska (Piano); The Young Nun, The Trout; Hedge-Rose, Sophie Braslau (Contralto) with Piano; Marche Militaire, Boston Promenade Orchestra; Hagel Hagel The Lark, Who, Is Sylvio? Master E. Lough (Boy Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Thelma Ball.

6.42 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.44 The B.B.C. Military Band—Slavonic Rhapsody, and Hungarian Dance.

6.57 Vocal and Orchestral Selections from Light Opera.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Violin Solos by Joseph Szeged—Rondo, Scherzo Valse, with Piano accomp. by Nikita de Magaloff.

8.12 Ballet—Ballet Suite—Jeux D'Enfants, Op. 22—London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Antal Dorati.

8.30 Studio—Concert by William Lewis (Baritone) and Ruth Lewis (Piano). Drink to Me only with Thine Eyes, Without a Song, Grandfather's Clock . . . William Lewis (Baritone) accomp. by Ruth Lewis (Piano).

8.35 London Relay—Ruth Lewis (Piano); Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms, All Through The Night . . . William Lewis (Baritone) accomp. by Ruth Lewis (Piano).

8.50 Marek Weber and His Orch.

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.30 London Relay—News Summary.

9.45 A Review of Revues by Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

10.02 Dance Music.

10.35 London Relay—"Ukridge" by P. G. Wodehouse.

11.0 Close down.

MONTREAL, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The first wireless school in Canada under the Empire Air Training Scheme will have 800 pupils, it was announced in Montreal to-day.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

A telegram has been received from Miss Nellie Dly, of the New York "World", announcing that she has proved victorious in her race round the world against Miss Hissland, the representative of a rival journal.

There was unveiled on the 19th ult., in the Abbey Church, Dunfermline, a handsome monumental brass over the tomb of King Robert the Bruce, whose remains were discovered in a vault beneath the church in 1818. The ceremony was performed by Lady Louisa Bruce, a collateral descendant of the great Scottish King, and among those taking part in the proceedings was the Earl of Elgin.

25 YEARS AGO

A farmer at Ping Yuen Village has reported to the police that his pony has been eaten by a tiger. The pony was tethered near the house.

T. C. Goucher went to the spot and found the paws of the tiger near the carcass of the pony, which was partly eaten. The paws measured eight inches across.

10 YEARS AGO

Over 600 delegates representing women's societies in New York State listened, more or less patiently, while Miss Gertrude Lawrence, the English actress, chided in one of the new long skirts, fresh from Paris, explained why the long, flowing lines of the garment were more beautiful than the present knee-length skirts.

"Common charity," declared Miss Lawrence, "demands that some women's knees shall be concealed, and actually all women will profit by the fashion because suggestion is always more flattering than revelation."

The delegates, however, did not appear enthusiastic and later she lauded capriciously one of their number who declared with great positiveness that "American women would never surrender the freedom experienced in knee-length skirts nor submit to the little coterie of meat-ticket-seeking Frenchmen in Paris."

While this was going on in the hall another dress reform, in the person of Miss Jeanne Vinalamar, dramatic soprano, paraded the streets of New York, wearing wild light trousers and a dark-green blouse.

5 YEARS AGO

Dr. Francis Cho Min-wei, head of the Central China College in Houston, said that the Japanese place-meat invasion of China was being undertaken with a view to ultimately excluding from Asia the people of the white race.

Kowloon Traffic Accidents

Two traffic accidents occurred in Kowloon yesterday, the victim in one case being seriously injured.

While bus 788 was going down Nathan Road, it collided with a tricycle ridden by Chnn Kwan. Chnn received serious injuries to the spine. He is now lying in Kowloon Hospital in a serious condition.

The other accident occurred in Shanghai Street, when a lorry knocked down a woman, Li Yau, who sustained severe injuries to the foot. She was removed to Kowloon Hospital, where her condition is stated to be satisfactory.

Royal Scots Soldier Killed

A fatal accident occurred at the 10-mile "Joint" on the Castle Peak Road yesterday when a small armoured lorry, belonging to the War Department, ran off the road and landed in a padd field.

The driver, a soldier of the Royal Scots whose name has not been divulged, was killed, but two other occupants of the lorry escaped unhurt.

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JERUSALEM, Dec. (UP).—The war may bring something like harmony to the Holy Land after three years of strife between Arabs and Jews.

Ruth Arab and Jewish leaders have assured the Palestine Government of their support and observers believe that a truce between the two factions may be attained for the duration of the war.

The war has led to a closing of the ranks of Jewish factions under the Vard Leumi, the Jewish National Council, now headed by Pinhas Rutenberg who has no party affiliations and commands the respect and confidence of all groups.

Trend To Unity

Necessity has partly dictated the trend toward unity. Palestine Jews have always been large-scale importers, chiefly of finished products. During the last few years attempts have been made to establish industries, but most of these were dependent upon semi-manufactured imports.

Likewise large quantities of foodstuffs were imported because heretofore the Jewish settlements have been able to supply only a part of the needs of the local Jewish market.

War has radically affected the supply of imports. Also there is reason to expect a heavy decline in income from the Zionist Funds, one of the most important sources of revenue for the country.

The tourist industry is at a standstill. The American Express office in Jerusalem has been closed. It was the only branch in Palestine and Syria. Other travel agents and tourist companies are transferring to cargo shipping agencies. The Fast Hotel, formerly the Allenby, has closed.

Grave Situation

Palestine orange growers face a particularly grave situation. Most of their European markets are now closed, including Britain their chief customer. It is doubted that there will be sufficient shipping to transport the crop.

It is expected that only about half of last year's crop will be shipped. Certain quarters believe that many groves will not be harvested at all this year. At the same time there is a growing demand for increasing the manufacture and use of citrus by-products.

Committees, companies, societies and co-operatives are being established in an effort to ensure sufficient supplies, primarily of foodstuffs and finally of raw and semi-manufactured materials.

On the political side a new body has been formed to promote Arab-Jewish understanding.

Hertzog Wants Independence

Joins Republicans In South Africa

CAPETOWN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The new opposition group in the South African Parliament, formed by General Hertzog and Dr. Malan, took the unusual course to-day of debating the first reading of a bill to make certain emergency regulations.

Dr. Malan spoke from the side of the Opposition seats, and the whole seating of the Opposition was rearranged in accordance with the announcement on Sunday night that the two parliamentary groups had reached an agreement to form a new party.

This new party was made possible when General Hertzog accepted the Republican policy. He also agreed that the new party be called the Reunited Nationalists or People's Party. Its aim is to achieve the independence of the "Republic of South Africa."

Press Comment

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The British Press to-day commented on General Hertzog's motion, that South Africa declare peace with Germany.

The "News Chronicle," stressing the value of a democracy to General Hertzog, says it was a free discussion followed by free voting and, "this was the Union way."

The "Times" points out that General Hertzog's objections to war were not based on sympathy with the Nazis, but on a short-sighted view that South Africa did not need to concern herself with German doings in Europe. There were indications, continued the paper, that the reply of General Smuts was found convincing by an ever-increasing number of South Africans, who realized that their security depended upon the strength of the British Commonwealth.

General Smuts' decision is being steadily strengthened.

REPUBLICANS FEAR WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Republicans have renewed their attack on President Roosevelt's foreign policy on reciprocal trade and export and import loans to belligerents.

Representative Woodruff charged that Mr. Cordell Hull has reversed his own position of the trade programme. He said that when Mr. Hull was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee he attacked the flexible tariff policy as "bureaucracy gone mad."

Representatives Tinkham charged that President Roosevelt was leading the road to war both in Europe and Asia. He criticised the proposal to lend money to Finland.

NAZIS PICKED UP AT SEA

ADEN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Four officers from a German merchant ship have been landed in Aden by a British tanker.

They were picked up in the Red Sea drifting in a small boat, without food or water.

They are believed to have come from a German ship which sought refuge in a neutral port, but which had to leave.

UNITY MITFORD IN HOSPITAL

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Medical men state that it has been decided that no operation on the Hon. Miss Unity Mitford is advisable or necessary.

Miss Mitford will probably return home soon in order to complete her convalescence.

Miss Unity Mitford is the "friend of Hitler," who recently was found in Berlin suffering from two bullet wounds in the head shortly after England went to war with Germany.

NEW CANADIAN DIVISION

Ottawa, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Second Canadian Division is going overseas as soon as possible, and this has aroused speculation concerning the third division.

This will probably be formed as soon as the Second Division reaches an advanced stage in training.

TWO TOMMIES INTERNED

BRUSSELS, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The authorities have interned two British soldiers who crossed the frontier by mistake. It is reported from Heligoland.

The men were found by a shopkeeper asleep in his shop. They were numbed with cold and it took a considerable time to revive them. They declared that they lost their way and did not know that they had crossed the frontier.

MORE NAZI WAR AIMS

They're Going To Revise A 1648 Treaty Now

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—A revised version of Germany's war aims was given by a German army officer in a broadcast to the German people from the soldiers in the Siegfried Line.

He admitted that the war was not, as the Nazis claimed, forced on Germany.

He said that Germany was trying to win the war she lost in 1918 and to "wipe out the disgrace of Versailles."

Last week Dr. Ley, the Nazi Labour Leader, bluntly announced that Germany was trying deliberately to revise the conditions laid down in the Treaty of Westphalia of 1648, which gave Alsace to France and recognised the independence of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

A Long War

A German paper to-day warns its readers not to look for quick results in the war.

Political struggles, says the paper, need nerves, coolness and the ability to wait.

All of this has involved Goebbels' Ministry of Misinformation and Propaganda and such enlightenment has entailed not a few acrobatics. The latest circus feat has been to order the anti-Comintern department to switch its attention from Soviet Russia and to apply its technique to Britain.

EGYPT'S BUDGET DIFFICULTIES

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Owing to the budget deficit the Egyptian Government has decided to increase the tea duty by £1-10-0 (Egyptian currency) to £2-10-0 (Egyptian currency) per hundred kilograms.

Excise duties are also to be raised as follows: benzine by 12 per cent; coffee by 50 per cent; sugar 20 per cent; bottled beer 300 per cent.

According to the newspaper Mokattam, the Government requires seven million Egyptian pounds to balance the budget, two millions of which will be taken from reserve, and the remainder is to be produced by increased taxation, including the reimposition of the cotton tax and an increase in income tax.

SYLT BECOMES WAR ZONE

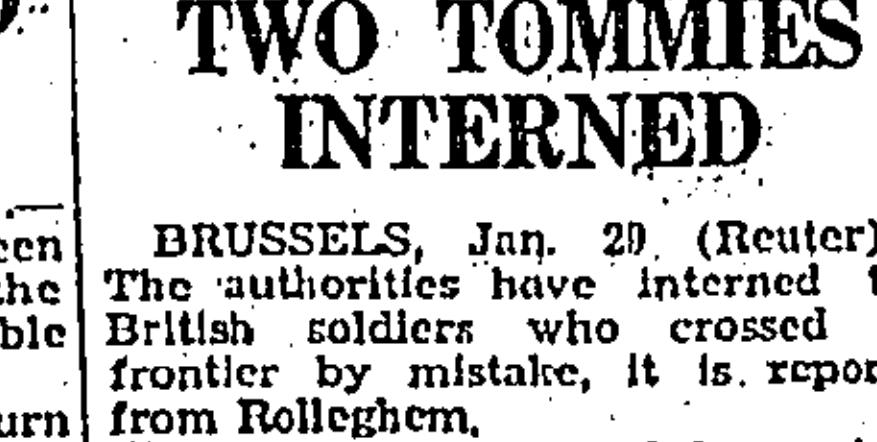
BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The island of Sylt and six other islands running in line off north-west Germany from the Netherlands frontier to Heligoland Light are to be military zones for the duration of the war.

All movement on the islands, which include mine-laying and seaplane bases, will be severely restricted.

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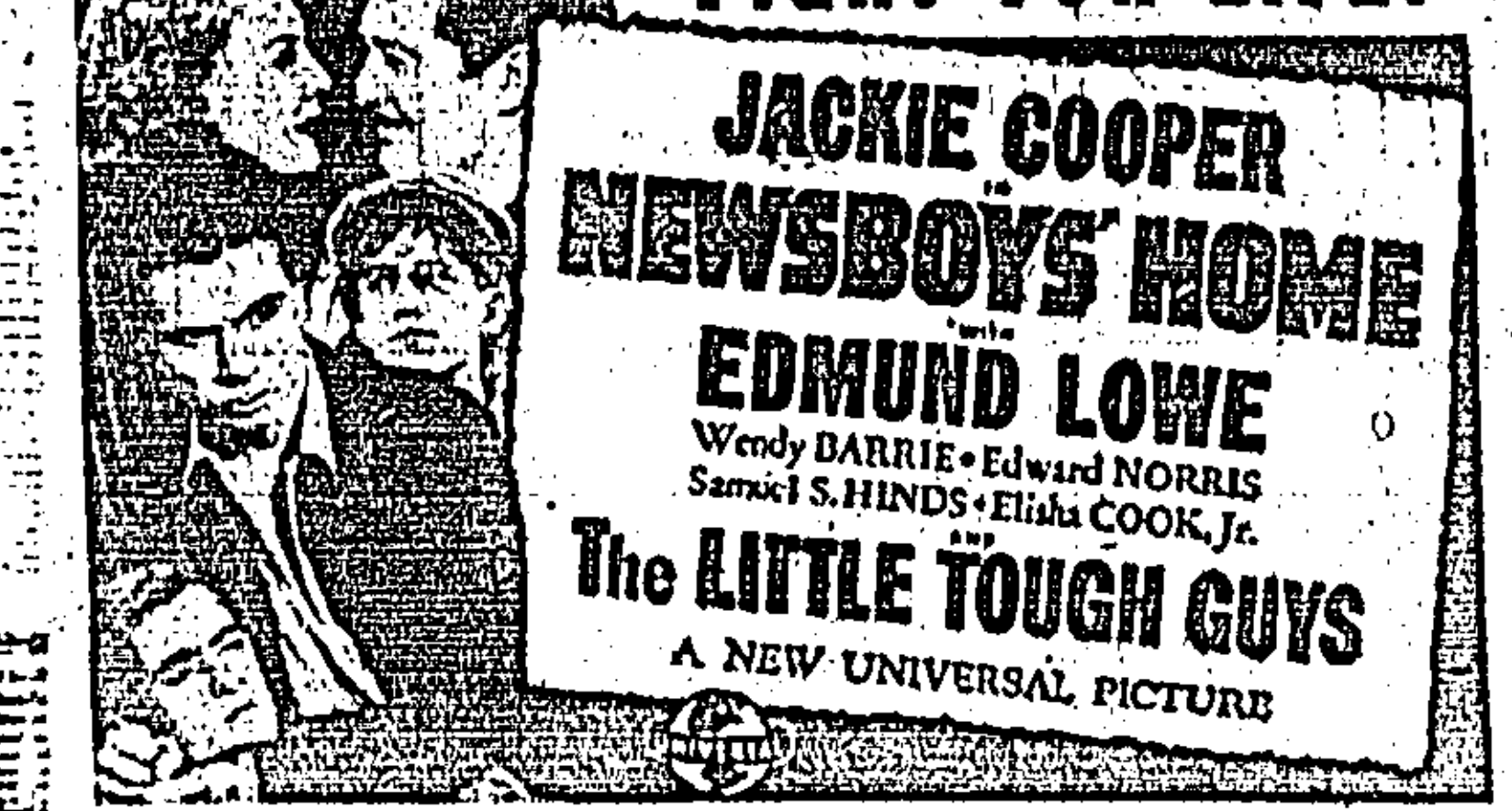
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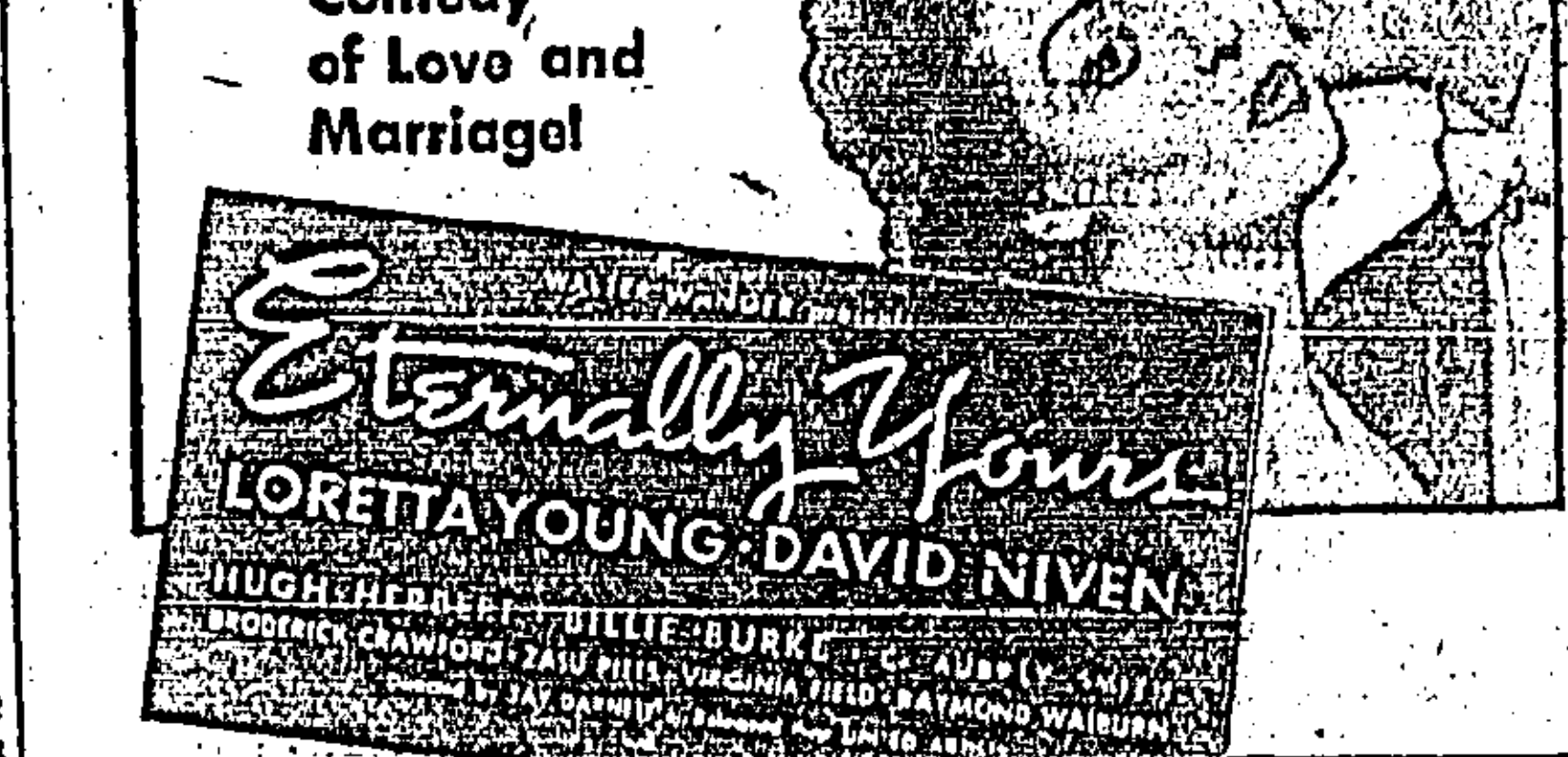
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POLISH PRIESTS TOLD TO PRAY FOR HITLER

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 29 (UP).—Germany is charged with beating, torture and murder of priests in Poland in a barbaric programme of extermination of the Polish people generally.

LIQUIDATION OF ASSETS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Treasury announces that the Stabilisation Fund during the quarter ending September 30 earned \$1,249,000, chiefly on gold, bullion profits and gold shipment handling charges, although the Chinese yuan earned \$72,365, while sterling unusually lost \$3,247 and the franc \$500.

The Treasury has revealed that Britain and France in October liquidated over \$120,000,000 of their assets here in purchasing war-time supplies and materials.

Aeroplane orders and other purchases in November were estimated at \$100,000,000. The total holdings were between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000.

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